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DOD personnel must be 21; change follows similar move at Iwakuni

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Above: Yuta Minagawa, 2, is relayed by sisters Wednesday after he was pulled from a pile of boulders. Yuta survived four days in the rubble created by a landslide that buried him, his mother and his 3-year-old sister in Niigata prefecture, Japan. Yuta's mother also was rescued but later died; his sister remains buried and her condition is unknown. The landslide was triggered by the powerful earthquake that ravaged northern Japan over the weekend; another 6.1-magnitude quake hit the region Wednesday morning and was followed by a 4.2-magnitude aftershock. Right: Yuta, on a stretcher, is lifted to safety by a helicopter.

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States

Schiavo right-to-die case: A man trying to carry out what he claims are his wife's wishes in a long-running right-to-die case asked two Florida courts Tuesday to stop delaying the removal of a feeding tube that helps keep the woman alive.

George Felos, the attorney for Michael Schiavo, asked Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer to reconsider a seven-week delay on the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube.

Terri Schiavo, 40, suffered severe brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped beating from a chemical imbalance that doctors said was brought on by an eating disorder.

Some doctors have testified she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope for recovery, and Michael Schiavo says she would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents have disputed that.

Howard Stern vs. FCC: Shock jock Howard Stern made a surprise call to a radio station during an interview of the Federal Communications Commission head, claiming the chairman only got his job because his father is Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Stern called in to KGO-AM radio in San Francisco during a live interview Tuesday with FCC Chairman Michael Powell. After claiming Powell consistently avoids him, Stern began to question his credentials.

"How did you get your job? It is apparent to most of us in broadcast that you're casting that your father got you your job, and you kind of sit there and you're the judge, you're the arbiter, you're the one who tells us what we can't say and can't say on the air," Stern said. "And yet I really don't even think you're qualified to be the head of the commission."

Powell, a Republican, was appointed to the commission by President Clinton in 1997 and became chairman when President Bush took office in 2001. Powell denied Stern's charge.

O.J. Simpson settlement: A friend of O.J. Simpson has been ordered to appear in court regarding the finances of the former football star, who was acquitted of double murder but slapped with a \$33.5 million settlement that remains unpaid to the victims' families.

Alfred Beldainy must appear Nov. 23 in Los Angeles Superior Court in Santa Monica. The order, issued Tuesday, was at the request

of Fred Goldman, whose son Ron was killed in 1996 along with Nicole Brown Simpson.

Fenway Park death: An independent panel headed by former U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern will investigate the death of a college student who was shot by Boston police using pepper pellet guns to subdue rowdy Red Sox fans after the team won the American League pennant.

Victoria Snelgrove, a junior at Emerson College, was killed last week when she was hit in the eye by a pellet fired by police as they tried to control the situation outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees.

World

Yasser Arafat's health: Yasser Arafat's health worsened Wednesday and a team of doctors went to his West Bank compound to examine the Palestinian leader, according to a Palestinian official close to Arafat. Officials described his condition as serious.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas were summoned to the 75-year-old Arafat's bedside and met alone with him in his room, one official said.

Israeli officials said Arafat's wife, Suha, who lives in Paris, was coming to Ramallah on Thursday.

North Korean asylum-seekers: Chinese police detained 65 North Korean asylum-seekers hiding in two houses in Beijing, South Korean activists said Wednesday, accusing China of carrying out "hardline measures" to round up refugees from its ally, North Korea.

Two South Korean human rights activists also were detained in the raid Tuesday, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

The detentions came amid a surge in large-scale asylum bids in recent weeks. Scores of North Koreans are in the Canadian and South Korean embassies and other foreign facilities in Beijing, waiting for permission to leave for South Korea.

War on terrorism

Islamic cleric's trial: A militant Islamic cleric accused by the United States of being a key terror leader in Southeast Asia goes on trial Thursday, charged in the 2002 Bali bombings and last year's J.W. Marriott hotel attack in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The trial of Abu Bakar Bashir comes a week after President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono took office in the world's most populous Muslim nation, and will be seen as a

test of his election campaign promises to crack down on terrorism.

The 66-year-old Bashir was acquitted last year of separate terrorism charges. The verdict was widely criticized abroad.

Gitmo detainees: A federal judge says he will not allow an 18-year-old Canadian held with other terror suspects at a U.S. naval station in Cuba to be examined to determine if he is mentally fit to help his defense.

U.S. District Judge John D. Bates ruled Tuesday that there is no legal basis to order a mental competence exam before Omar Khadr's status is reviewed by a military tribunal at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Khadr, who was 15 when U.S. forces captured him in Afghanistan, was wounded in a battle that killed a U.S. soldier and injured four others, military says.

Accused lawyer: A veteran civil rights lawyer accused of helping terrorists on Tuesday denied ever violating prison rules designed to shut off a convicted terrorist she represented from the rest of the world.

The attorney, Lynne Stewart, firmly registered her denial from the witness stand in New York as she for a second day answered questions posed by her lawyer, Michael Tigar.

Tigar aimed the defense at the core of evidence denied by Stewart — special administration measures, or SAMs, put in place by the government to stop Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman from communicating from prison with his followers in Egypt and elsewhere.

Stewart, 65, is charged with providing material support to terrorists, defrauding the government and making false statements for letting Abdel-Rahman's views on a cease-fire in Egypt reach followers. If convicted, she could face 20 years in prison.

Iraq travel ban: The Philippine government will stamp citizens' passports with a travel-ban notice in a further attempt to keep them out of war-ravaged Iraq. Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said Wednesday in Manila.

Despite a ban on travel to Iraq issued in July, at least 2,000 Filipinos searching for work have flocked to the country, reports say.

Middle East-bound Filipino workers will have their passports stamped with the notice "Not valid for travel to Iraq" to prevent them from sneaking into Iraq, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said.

Despite the dangers, Filipinos risk their lives for work in Iraq to earn wages up to three times higher than in other Middle Eastern locations, he said.

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Messing 5th, 13th Air Forces still up in air

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Only four months into his new job, Gen. Paul V. Hester is staring down an enormous task: Reorganize how Pacific Air Forces does business to meet the mighty goals of military transformation.

The four-star PACAF commander was at this northern Japan base Monday and Tuesday, wrapping up a 10-day tour of Japan to meet with base leaders and air bases, as well as Misawa.

Those visits, in addition to stops planned later this year in South Korea and Alaska, "will help shape the kind of foundation of where we are," he said. "Then we will decide, in concert with Adm. (Thomas) Fargo and the secretary of Defense's direction ... how we can reshape our basing strategy in the Pacific and what that might mean to the Air Force."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has called on military leaders to transform the military into a more agile force.

In a wide-ranging interview Tuesday with Stars and Stripes, Hester discussed what near-term changes military transfor-

PACAF chief faces enormous tasks

mation might bring to the Pacific and answered questions on a variety of topics, from costs to fight the war on terror to joint use of Yokota Air Base's runway.

Hester said his priorities as PACAF commander include ensuring that "Air Force families continue to take care of and lead other Air Force families. We need ... to make sure we have some quality of life that takes care of our Americans as they are away from America's shores."

But perhaps more pressing, he said, are the issues of military transformation and modernization.

Rumsfeld has "asked all of us around the world to look at ... how we are going to be positioned to face threats that we expect to face for the next century," the general said. "So yes, it sits pretty high in my job jar."

The secretary's challenge poses questions, Hester said, such as, "Do we move people in and around? Do we add more people?"

The general said he still is considering whether to mesh 5th Air Force, headquartered at Yokota, and Guam's 13th Air Force. He said he intends to activate a per-

manent Air Operations Center in the Pacific but needs more staffing to do so. "We're looking at some of our numbered air forces as a place to find some of that manpower," he said, noting that it's "undecided as to where any merger would be permanently stationed."

Hester said he expects PACAF and the Pacific arena will modernize through advanced technology and weapons systems. During the next three years, he said he anticipates PACAF investing and committing to "ISR platforms" — intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. It's possible the Global Hawk and Predator, which can perform unmanned aerial reconnaissance and surveillance missions, could find a permanent home in the Pacific, Hester said.

With these systems, "we can pick up pieces of focused intelligence and reconnaissance that might be useful to us as preventative measures in conflicts between nations

and intentions between nations," Hester said, "as well as assisting if a conflict were to break out. They're always useful to us in being able to have our eyes in the sky."

Hester said he's also excited about the Air Force's new F-22 Raptor, which eventually is to replace the F-15 Eagle.

"We'll look at when that airplane enters the active-duty force, making sure we can get some of those into the Pacific arena," he said.

Hester also discussed:

■ **Impact to Pacific** coffers of ongoing war on terror: "There's always an impact of some sort," he said. "Trying to articulate that well requires you to throw up 15 slides of statistics. In the large measure, our bases are getting their operations and maintenance funds in the same fashion as they get them every year." Hester noted that PACAF had less "fortuit" in air at the close of fiscal 2004 for year-end projects. "Our expectation is that (fiscal) '05 will be the same, if not less," he said.

■ **The Air Force's new fitness standards:** The general said the Air Force worked hard to prepare airman for the first round of new fitness testing this year. "Our next

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Sasebo storm damage tops \$1 million

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Personnel here dealing with finances estimate Typhoon Tokage's rampage last week will drain more than \$1 million from the base's wallet, which already was looking rather lean.

Workers continued this week repairing rooftops, disposing of debris, repositioning angled topography into original upright positions and returning salvageable awnings and pavilions to functional conditions, according to Charles T. Howard, base spokesman.

"At this point, the estimated damages are \$1.24 million," he said Monday. That dollar figure continues to evolve, and depends on the extent to which some structures prove to be damaged, he said.

Dozens of small structural damages occurred Oct. 20 from Tokage's wind gusts, base officials said. One gust recorded in Sasebo city measured about 95 knots, or about 109 mph, according to the Nagasaki Prefecture Meteorological Agency.

Even after being downgraded to a tropical storm early in the afternoon on the 20th, Tokage still was merciless in southern Japan, killing at least 63 people.

No one in the Sasebo Naval Base community was injured or killed, Howard said.

"The funding for this will come from the CFAS (Sasebo Naval Base's shore com-



GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 3rd Class Bill Bolton, of the USS Fort McHenry, walks Monday by a section of roof that was ripped off of Building 138, a warehouse along the India Basin Pier at Sasebo Naval Base last week during Typhoon Tokage. Before it was moved, the section of warehouse roof and other debris crushed a vacant building.

mand) Maintenance Fund, but of course \$1.24 million is a little bit more than anyone expected a small base like this to need," said Lt. Cmdr. Bret Blanton, officer-in-charge of Sasebo's Public Works Department.

Absent such disasters, the fund usually covers on-base maintenance. Also factoring in repairs to damage sustained last week, Blanton said, means both workload and scheduling will have to be prioritized. For instance, someone expecting a repainted office in a few weeks may wait longer because of prioritized repairs, such as a fixing a severely damaged roof.

"If there is no other no major structural damage discovered that could entail major construction, we estimate the repairs will take a couple of months," he said. "But we won't disregard maintenance that has been planned; we will still get it to it."

An amount is allocated each month from the maintenance fund to cover the costs of various upgrades, repairs and new projects. Following the typhoon and resulting damage, if the monthly allocation falls short, Blanton said, Commander U.S.

Naval Forces Japan will assist in "covering the difference."

Three damage locations figure heaviest in the estimate of funds needed for repairs, officials said.

"The worst would be the roof section that blew off Building 138, an old warehouse over by the India Basin pier, near where the USS Fort McHenry is berthed," Blanton said.

The second spot with heavy damage is the roof of Sasebo's detachment of Commander, U.S. Forces Japan Regional Fire Department on the main base facility. Gust by gust, the wind peeled the roof off the fire department and rolled it up like a jelly roll.

The third site, one that could cost the base up to \$250,000 to repair, Blanton said, is at Yokose Fuel Terminal. In this case, the wind and heavy, crashing waves broke apart, cracked and further deteriorated areas along the seawall that must be fixed.

"We'll just have to prioritize and start repairing these damages, and hopefully, another one won't come anytime soon," he added.

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Americans ask for forgiveness in Ecstasy case

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

YOKOHAMA DISTRICT COURT, Japan — Two Americans who worked on Yokosuka Naval Base begged the Japanese court for forgiveness Wednesday for their alleged part in smuggling what authorities say is almost \$2 million worth of drugs into Japan.

As the prosecutor asked the Yokohama District Court judge to sentence the pair to eight years each in prison, the two men, Babe Cole and William Jenkins, put their heads in their hands and wept.

"I just want to go back to the United States with my wife as soon as possible, and I'm sorry, I'm so sorry," Jenkins, 28, told the judge.

Cole, 25, said he wanted to "deeply apologize to Japan, Yokosuka and the United States. I'd like to express my apology and repentance."

Defense lawyers asked the judge only for "leniency," saying that they were young men who had had small roles in smuggling a large amount of drugs.

The two, who both worked for the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation department, were arrested in August after a Narita Airport customs raid. Inspection found some \$10,000 tablets of MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, and other stimulants, as well as some five ounces of speed in powder form. The drugs, in more than a dozen plastic bags, were displayed on the courtroom table.

Police said the drugs were mailed from Canada, bound for the two men's post office boxes on base. They said the street value of the drugs was about \$2 million.

The day after their arrest, a third man, Jonathan Nunez, got a plane out of Japan for the United States. Japanese police said they hoped to extradite Nunez to stand trial for his part in the operation. Nunez, a former USS Vincennes sailor who was administratively separated from the Navy in November 2003, remains elsewhere, officials said.

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Correction

A story in the Oct. 24 edition incorrectly stated the frequency with which Yahya Abdul-Qadir wrote a religion column for the Yokosuka Naval Base newspaper. Abdul-Qadir wrote the column only for the newspaper's Oct. 15 edition.

USFK raising legal drinking age to 21

Rule goes into effect Monday; move is attempt to reduce alcohol-related incidents

BY TERI WEAVER
Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — Attention all 20-year-olds: Unless your next birthday comes by Monday, you'll have to wait as long as a year before you can drink alcohol on or off base in South Korea.

Starting Monday, U.S. Forces Korea will raise to 21 the legal drinking age for all military personnel, contractors, civilians and family members assigned to USFK, according to an announcement issued Wednesday.

USFK officials said this change would apply to personnel off-base as well, although the legal drinking age in South Korea is 20.

How U.S. officials would enforce the new drinking age off base was unclear Wednesday, but officials said offenders could face action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to the UCMJ would, as a minimum, have their privileges revoked, the release read.

"There is no good justification why the drinking age here should be different than it is in the U.S.," Col. Marybeth Cummings, USFK spokeswoman, said in the statement. "An assignment or employment opportunity in Korea should not give special privileges with respect to alcohol over those in the states."

The change comes as command leaders face increasing concerns about the number of alcohol-related incidents involving young troops, the USFK statement said.

"With the drinking age raised to 21, we want to reduce the number of alcohol-related incidents," said Lt. Col. Howard Hunt, USFK chief of law enforcement. "Historically, a high percentage of alcohol-related offenses are committed by 18- to 20-year-olds, particularly as they relate to crimes against persons."

The move is not without precedent. At Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in Japan, the base commander made a similar change in January, requesting off-base offenses to enforce a drinking age of 21 for base personnel. The Japanese legal drinking age also is 20.

The change was made in hopes of reducing off-base alcohol-related incidents involving younger Marines. But the change did not affect all servicemembers in Japan because it was not a U.S. Forces Japan-wide decision.

The legal drinking age limit for servicemembers in Japan and Okinawa is established by USFK component commands, according to Air Force 2nd Lt. Ben Sakrisson, a USFK spokesman.

"It's not dictated by USFK to the service components," he said, "so there's not a standard limit for all of USFK. It's left up to each of the service branches around Japan."

The same holds for all servicemembers stationed worldwide. A 1995 Defense Department regulation states: "The minimum drinking age at a DoD installation located outside the United States shall be 18 years of age. Higher minimum drinking age will be based on international treaties and agreements and on the local situation as determined by the local installation commander."

Because USFK made the decision in South Korea, it will affect all troops throughout the peninsula.

Some soldiers in South Korea reacted negatively. At Camp Red Cloud, 122nd Signal Battalion soldier Pvt. Mason Radcliff, 18, of Prattville, Ala., said Wednesday that raising the drinking age is not a good idea.

"I think if you are in the military you ought to be able to drink, period. You are an adult and I think adults should be able to drink," he said.

Young U.S. soldiers can die for their country but some are not allowed to have a beer, he said. "You ought to be able to drink when you are old enough to be sent over here and to do everything else but drink."

Plenty of responsibilities are entrusted to 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds, Radcliff said. "You can go to prison. In Alabama you can drive a motorcycle at 14. You can drive a car at 16. A lot of 16-year-olds have car accidents but they don't raise the drinking age," he said.

However, the young soldier said, he would follow the new regulation, as the Army must have a reason for raising the drinking age. "I guess they don't think an 18-year-old is responsible enough to drink," he said.

Not all young soldiers are unhappy about the change in the drinking age.

Pfc. Jeffery Lockwood, 19, said he couldn't care less.

"I don't drink, at all, so it doesn't really affect me. I have been here a whole year without any drinking at all," said Lockwood, a

New Orleans native who was training for his Expert Field Medical Badge at Warrior Base, near the DMZ, on Wednesday.

Bar owners in Itaewon appeared distressed at the news.

"The new alcohol-permit-age rule definitely will affect our club business negatively," said Yu Won-soon, who heads the Itaewon bar association and owns Twilight Zone.

News of the change could slow Yu's business and even force him to close his doors, he said Wednesday; most of his customers are younger troops.

You said the age change was another piece of bad news for Itaewon merchants. He expects business to dwindle as the United States proceeds with plans to move Yongsan Garrison operations in Seoul to Pyongtaek over the next few years.

You also said checking the age of younger soldiers can be challenging. Sometimes asking for IDs can prompt angry responses from the servicemembers, he said.

Earlier this year, the Defense Department released a survey saying heavy drinking five or more drinks per occasion at least once a week — was up among servicemembers, from 15.4 percent in 1998 to 18.1 percent in 2002.

Of the 12,500 active-duty servicemembers surveyed in 2002, younger members reported the heaviest alcohol use. One of four respondents ages 18 to 25 admitted heavy alcohol use, almost double the rate among civilians in the same group, the American Forces Press Service reported earlier this year.

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Drugs: Ecstasy smugglers weep, apologize in court

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Attorneys for Cole and Jenkins painted Nunez as the most responsible for the drug smuggling, saying that in comparison to distributing the drugs, their clients' receipt of the drugs was a smaller offense. Cole and Jenkins did not know the boxes they agreed to receive contained illegal drugs, their attorneys said.

But the prosecutor, according to a translator, argued that their roles may have been small but were "essential."

Jenkins' wife, who spoke only on the condition that her first name not be used, said she believed her husband was unaware of what the boxes contained. "They only get \$400 or \$500. They thought it was probably illegal, but no drugs," she said. "They thought it was porno or fake bags."

She sobbed in the courtroom and said her husband was not allowed English-language reading material in the police station jail where he's been in custody, and that they are not allowed to speak English when she visits.

She said her husband's lawyer told her that it seemed likely her husband would be sentenced to at least four years. The sentencing is scheduled Nov. 24.

Jenkins, who had worked in the Single Sailor Center, told the judge he agreed to accept the boxes because he needed money to achieve his goal: to return to the United States and rejoin the

Navy. "I should have quit," he said. "But I had money problems. I'm sorry for what I've done."

Cole was employed at a base warehouse at the time of his arrest, according to Mike Chase, base spokesman. Cole remains under the jurisdiction of the status of forces agreement, which governs how servicemembers are handled in Japanese courts, among other things. As such, the Navy provided his attorney, the same Japanese woman who represented a Kitty Hawk sailor convicted in March of negligent driving after his car ran a red light and collided with the car of a Yokosuka man, who died of his injuries.

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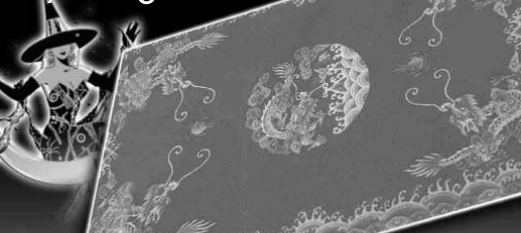
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Army to keep Iraq tours at one year

BY ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army will not shorten combat tours in Iraq next year from 12 months to six or nine months, as some had hoped, because that would undermine the war effort, the Army's top general said Tuesday.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, told a group of reporters that he would prefer shorter combat tours in Iraq but believes that cannot happen as long as the U.S. military is required to maintain roughly the 135,000 troops there now to fight the insurgency.

The Army and Marine Corps are preparing to maintain that level at least through the end of next year, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said that if U.S.-trained and equipped Iraqi security forces become available in larger numbers next year, as expected, then U.S. troops levels may be reduced.

On a related matter, the Army's vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard Cody, said the Army has not been asked to accelerate the deployment of a fresh rotation of troops into Iraq. These include four brigades of the 3rd Infantry Division, which is scheduled to go there in January.

The 3rd Infantry, which spearheaded the drive to Baghdad in March and April 2003, has been reorganizing this year and will be the first division to make a return deployment to Iraq.

Schoomaker and Cody cited several drawbacks to shortening combat tours under current circumstances, which include an insurgency that continues to adapt its tactics of killing coalition and Iraqi forces.

Among them:

■ The fight against the insurgents will be more effective if there is not a frequent turnover of American troops, in part because on-the-ground experience pays dividends in understanding the enemy.

■ The effort to integrate U.S.-trained Iraqi forces into American fighting units in coming months will be more successful if they spend longer periods operating together.

■ National Guard and Reserve forces have to put in the same amount of pre-deployment training and preparation for going to Iraq regardless of whether they stay for six months or 12 months. Thus shorter tours would mean mobilizing and training more Guard and Reserve units, if the overall force requirement remains the same.

British troops replacing U.S. forces near Baghdad

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Nearly 800 British troops left their bases in southern Iraq on Wednesday, heading north toward Baghdad to replace U.S. troops who are expected to take part in an offensive against insurgent strongholds.

The deployment came hours after Iraq's most feared militant group released a video threatening to behead a Japanese captive within 48 hours unless Japan withdraws its troops from Iraq.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi rejected kidnappers' demands in the most recent hostage drama.

"The Self-Defense Forces will not withdraw," Koizumi told reporters in western Japan. "I cannot allow terrorism and cannot bow to terrorism."

The British troops, headquartered in Basra, are heading to an area near the capital to replace U.S. troops who are expected to launch a major offensive against rebel areas west and north of the capital.

"We can confirm that there is some movement," said British military spokesman Maj. Charlie Mayo. He gave no specifics on troop numbers, citing security concerns.

Officer says no order given to secure weapons that vanished from Iraq, Page 10

Large flatbed trucks were seen carrying armored British vehicles up a road toward Iraq's southern desert to Nasiriyah, 200 miles southeast of Baghdad, where it appeared the troops were stopping for the night.

Nearly 800 Scottish soldiers of the First Battalion, Black Watch are expected to be based in an area just south of the capital to free up American forces for an expected assault on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah and other areas.

The move is part of a coalition effort to bring order to Iraq before elections in January.

British officials have been vague on the precise destination with some media reports indicating the Black Watch would be sent to Iskandariyah located north of Hillah.

The British soldiers' families expressed worries Wednesday that the redeployment puts the troops in greater danger.

"It wasn't a cakewalk in Basra, but it's going to be a lot, lot more dangerous up there," said James Buchanan, 56, from Arbroath in central Scotland, who has two sons with the regiment in Iraq.

The American military wants the British to assume security responsibility in areas close to Baghdad, so U.S. Marines and soldiers can be shifted to insurgent strongholds west of the capital, including Fallujah.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's decision to agree to the U.S. request for redeployment is a politically sensitive one for the British leader, whose popularity has plummeted because of his support for the Iraq war.

Britain's 8,500 troops are based around the southern port city of Basra in a relatively peaceful area of Iraq. Sixty-eight British soldiers have been killed in Iraq, compared with more than 1,000 U.S. troops.

Hester: Yokota runway may be unsuited for commercial use

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challenge is not just to get them to pass it one time but to maintain a fitness level 365 days of the year," he said. The program is going well, so far, he added. "I think we're absolutely excited by what we see in the number of airmen that are out pounding the pavement and over in the gym lifting weights, doing push-ups, doing pull-ups, getting fit for the challenges that confront them ... when we ask them to go into the combat zone."

■ Whether commercial use of Yokota Air Base's runway could work as it does at Misawa Air Base: "Yokota and Misawa are two very, very different communities and they are obviously in very, very different parts of Japan and that leads to some great differences in whether one constructs, the Misawa picture, could be overlaid on the Yokota picture," he said, deferring to Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, commander of 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, who is based at Yokota.

Hester also said Tuesday he did not know when PACAF bases would begin administering the flu vaccine to those with priority or deemed high-risk.

Hester entered the Air Force in January 1971 after receiving his commission through University of Mississippi's ROTC program. A command fighter pilot, with a combat tour in Southeast Asia, Hester served as commander of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force from September 1999 to November 2001. Prior to being tapped to lead PACAF, Hester was commander of Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sought to face down rebels in his Likud party, vowing in comments published Wednesday that he would not give in to "pressures and threats" over his Gaza withdrawal plan.

Four Cabinet ministers — led by Sharon's top rival, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — voted along with a majority of lawmakers who approved the Gaza plan on Tuesday. But the four said they would step down if the prime minister did not commit to a national referendum on it.

The ministers' resignations could force elections in coming months and delay implementation of a withdrawal. Alternately, Sharon could try to reshuffle his coalition and bring in the moderate Labor Party.

Sharon said he would not be swayed by the threats.

Report: North Korea may test missile

BY SANG-HUN CHOE

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States, Japan and South Korea are closely monitoring a missile base in North Korea after military intelligence indicated that the communist nation might be preparing to test missiles, a South Korean newspaper reported Wednesday.

The move would be the latest provocation from North Korea, which has denounced this year's multinational naval exercise in Japanese waters as a U.S.-led "ultimate war action" against the isolated country.

The base in Jeonju, 55 miles north of Pyongyang, is home to Scud-type missiles that

have a range of 185-310 miles, and Nodong missiles with an 810-mile range. Most of Japan's four main islands fall within Nodong's range.

Beginning two or three days ago, "North Koreans began making moves at the Jeonju base, such as moving mobile missile launch stations," the mass-circulation daily Chosun Ilbo said, citing a senior South Korean government official. "We are monitoring the movements to see whether this was part of their training or they actually intend to launch a missile."

South Korea's Defense Ministry "neither confirms nor denies" the report, said a ministry spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"At this point, the Japanese government is

not aware of any specific indication of such a movement," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told a regular press conference.

The reported activities came as North Korea inveighed against this week's multinational naval exercise in Japanese waters, calling it a U.S.-led "ultimate war action" against the isolated country.

Besides the United States and Japan, seven other countries are taking part in the naval exercise in Japanese waters.

The drill is part of an anti-proliferation security initiative, known as PSI, in which allied forces can intercept ships or aircraft believed carrying missiles or equipment for unconventional weapons. The exercise was initiated last year primarily to deter North Korea's trade in missile and nuclear technology and components.

U.S. envoy: North worst among WMD proliferators

BY KENJI HALL

The Associated Press

TOKYO — The top U.S. envoy for arms control named North Korea, Iran and Syria among the worst proliferators of weapons of mass destruction Wednesday, and called for shipments to the countries to be monitored more closely.

"North Korea, Iran and Syria, among others, are clearly states of proliferation concern," Undersecretary of State John Bolton said in a speech at The American Center in Tokyo.

Bolton is visiting Japan to observe multinational exercises, held under President Bush's Proliferation Security Initiative, or PSI, aimed at training troops to in-

tercept weapons of mass destruction at sea.

He said countries involved in the exercises "should be ready to scrutinize shipments going to or from such states or terrorist groups."

Nine ships from Japan, the United States, Australia and France joined the exercises off Tokyo that began Tuesday.

The maneuvers, the first in East Asia and the first hosted by Japan, have been criticized by nearby North Korea as a "provocation."

Bolton's reserved his harshest words for North Korea.

"Without a doubt, North Korea remains the world's foremost proliferator of ballistic missiles and related technology to rogue states and hostile regimes," he said.

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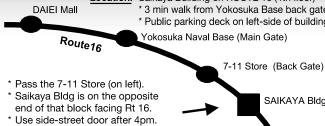
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Bush, Kerry campaign hard in homestretch

The Associated Press

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush on Wednesday of “dodging and bobbing and weaving” on explanations for nearly 400 tons of missing explosives in Iraq. Bush said his presidential challenger was making wild charges without knowing the facts.

Less than a week before the election, both campaigns intensified their efforts — in speeches, in TV ads, in telephone appeals and in courtrooms across the nation.

With their agendas laid out all summer and fall, Bush and Kerry were trying to create an aura of excitement in get-out-the-vote rallies, hoping to snag the dwindling pool of voters who haven't taken sides.

Kerry hit hard at this week's revelation that explosives had disappeared from an outpost in Iraq.

“The missing explosives could very likely be in the hands of terrorists and insurgents, who are actually attacking our forces now 80 times a day on average,” Kerry said at a rally in Sioux City.

“But now today we've learned even more. What we're seeing is a White House that is dodging and bobbing and weaving in their usual efforts to avoid responsibility, just as they've done every step of the way in our involvement in Iraq.”

Kerry said Vice President Dick Cheney “is becoming the chief minister of disinformation” while the president remains silent on the matter.

Bush did bring up the matter a few minutes later, in a speech in Lititz, Pa.

“Now the senator is making wild charges about missing explosives when his top foreign policy adviser admits, quote, ‘We do not know the facts,’” Bush said.

Kerry says opponent dodging key issue; president says Kerry's charges ‘wild’



Floridians, after waiting in a long line, cast their ballots at the Miami-Dade election headquarters on Wednesday.

“Think about that — the senator's denigrating the action of our troops and commanders in the field without knowing the facts. Unfortunately, that's part of a pattern of saying almost anything to get elected.”

Bush was referring to remarks made by Kerry adviser Richard Holbrooke on Tuesday in an interview with Fox News. Holbrooke said, “The U.N. inspectors had told the American military this was a major depot.” He added: “I don't know what happened. I do know one thing — in most ad-

ministrations, the buck stops in the Oval Office.”

Kerry also appealed to middle class voters in the election homestretch Wednesday, saying Bush had sold them out to help the wealthy and now wanted “four more years so that he can keep up the bad work.”

Bush, meanwhile, put together a campaign endgame that included persistent appeals to win over previously Democratic votes and a rarely used weapon in this bruising campaign — a positive commercial.

Rockers Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi were rejoining the Kerry campaign, minstrels in his fast-moving gallery. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was bringing his sold power — and moderate GOP reputation — to Bush's side later in the week.

The president turned to the iconoclastic Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia to accompany him Wednesday to Pennsylvania and Ohio events, in keeping with his late-breaking appeals to Democrats who aren't sold on their own party's nominee.

Bush, in Pennsylvania, said, “I want to remind the American people that if Senator Kerry had his way ... Saddam Hussein would still be in power; he would control all those weapons and explosives” and could have shared them with America's terrorist enemies.”

Kerry was focusing on economic troubles in the Sioux City speech Wednesday before stumping in Minnesota and back in Iowa, at a Cedar Rapids event. Aides saw that speech and one Friday that will blend his campaign's economic and foreign policy proposals as his “closing arguments” for change. After ripping Kerry for weeks as an equivocator, Bush planned to close the contest with a 60-second commercial meant to show him as steady, trustworthy and compassionate in dangerous times.

The ad shows an emotional president telling the Republican National Convention about meeting the children and parents of slain U.S. soldiers, as well as wounded servicemen and women.

Kerry's latest ad accuses the Bush administration of failing to secure the explosives that disappeared from a military installation south of Baghdad around the time U.S. forces were toppling Saddam Hussein's government.

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Odd electoral scenarios could plague vote

BY DANA MILBANK
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Could one of these electoral college nightmares be our destiny? President Bush and Sen. John Kerry deadlock on Tuesday with 269 electoral votes apiece — but a single Bush elector in West Virginia defects, swinging the election to Kerry.

Bush and Kerry are headed toward an electoral college tie, but the 2nd Congressional District of Maine breaks with the rest of the state, giving its one electoral vote — and the presidency — to Bush.

Or the Massachusetts senator wins an upset victory in Colorado and appears headed to the White House, but a Colorado ballot initiative that passes causes four of the state's nine electoral votes to go to Bush — creating an electoral college tie that must be resolved in the U.S. House.

None of these scenarios is likely to occur next week, but none is far-fetched. Tuesday's election probably will be decided in 11 states where polls currently show the race is too tight to predict a winner. And, assuming the other states go as predicted, a computer analysis finds no fewer than 33 combinations in which those 11 states could divide to produce a

Constitutional solution

THE PROBLEM: There's a chance that neither President Bush nor Sen. John Kerry will get the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency.

THE SOLUTION: The 12th Amendment states that when there's no electoral vote majority, the House of Representatives elects the president and the Senate the vice president.

WHAT THAT MEANS: Since the House is and will probably remain in Republican hands, it would almost certainly choose to keep Bush in the White House.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT: The framers of the Constitution were sure they had covered all the bases. The election of 1800 proved them wrong.

Thomas Jefferson was the Democratic-Republican Party nominee for president in the year, and Aaron Burr the party's vice-presidential choice.

269 to 269 electoral tie.

Normally, such outcomes are strictly theoretical. But not this time, with the election seemingly so close and unpredictable.

"Fluke things probably happen in every election but because most are not close nobody pays any attention," said Charles Cook, an elections handicapper. "But when it's virtually a tied race, hell, what isn't important?" Cook says this election is on course to match 2000's distinction of having five states decided by less than half a percentage point.

It is still possible that the vote

on Tuesday will produce a clear winner of both the electoral and popular votes. But if the winner's margin is small — less than 1 percent of the popular vote is a rule of thumb — the odds increase that the quirks of the electoral college could again decide the presidency and again raise doubts about a president's legitimacy.

"Let us hope for a very victory by one of the two; the alternative is too awful to contemplate," said Walter Berns, an electoral college specialist at the American Enterprise Institute.

But many political strategists

are preparing for a narrow — and possibly split — decision. Jim Jordan, former Kerry campaign manager now working on a Democratic vote mobilization effort, puts the odds at in a three that Bush will share the fate Al Gore suffered in 2000: a popular vote win but an electoral loss. "It's actually looking more and more plausible," he said, citing a number of polls showing a Bush lead nationally but a Kerry lead in many battleground states.

A repeat of 2000 — Bush losing the popular vote but winning the electoral count — is considered

less likely because the president has been boosting his support in already Republican states and reducing his deficit in some safely Democratic states.

Even without an electoral-popular split, there is room for electoral mischief. To begin with, there are the 33 scenarios under which the battleground states could line up so that Kerry and Bush are in an electoral tie. Even if only the six most fiercely contested states are considered — Florida, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin — the electoral vote would be tied if Kerry wins New Hampshire, Minnesota and Florida while Bush wins New Mexico, Wisconsin and Ohio.

Under the 12th Amendment, if one candidate does not get 270 votes, the decision goes to the House, where each state would get a vote — a formula that would guarantee a Bush victory (the Senate picks the vice president).

A House-decided election could produce even more protests than the 2000 election did. That, writes Ryan Lizza of the New Republic, who spelled out 17 scenarios under which the election could end in an electoral tie, is perhaps the only way "for a second Bush term to seem more legitimate in the eyes of Democrats than his first term."

Allegiances passionate but split for families of U.S. troops slain in Iraq

The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — In the year and a half since her son died in Iraq, Arlene Walters has transformed her living room into a shrine.

Paintings of Sgt. Donald Walters in uniform adorn the walls. His Purple Heart, Silver Star and POW medals sit in a glass case. A banner with a single gold star — signifying the loss of a family member in a war — hangs in the window.

After her son's death, Walters became an outspoken critic of what she considered President Bush's poor planning for the war. But it's not enough to sway her vote.

"Don was willing to do this, he thought it had to be done, so I had to support him," said Walters, 67, who voted for Bush in 2000 and plans to do so again. "I have to support it because he gave his life for it."

As casualties continue to mount in Iraq, some who lost family members in the war have switched their political allegiance from President Bush to Democrat John Kerry. One former Bush supporter from Birmingham, Ala., has actively campaigned against the president at antiwar rallies since her son's death.

But many more — Republicans and Democrats alike — say the experience simply reinforced their views.

"I can't say how angry we are with the administration and how these kids have been used and abused and sacrificed for nothing," said Annette Pritchard, an Oregon City Democrat who opposed the war before and after the death of her nephew, Pfc. William Ramirez.

"This war's being fought by poor kids. That's who's over there." Lorraine and Michael Earley have attracted attention in Wilmington, Ohio, with their yard display that includes a photo of their dead son, Army Sgt. Steven D. Conover, and a sign that reads: "Flush the Johns on Nov. 2," referring to Kerry and his running mate, John Edwards.

The Earleys placed a toilet near the sign.

"Bush didn't kill my son," said Lorraine Earley, 44, who voted for Bush in 2000. "My son made a choice. Yeah, my son was killed. He was killed so that we would be safe."

In interviews with the AP, many who lost family members in Iraq said they disapprove of Bush's handling of the war, like more than half of likely voters in a recent AP poll. But several said they would vote for Bush nonetheless.

Others want to do what they can to keep more soldiers from dying — and they think that means electing Kerry.



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Officer: No order given to secure arms

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
The Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A U.S. military unit that reached a munitions storage installation after the invasion of Iraq had no orders to search or secure the site, where officials say nearly 400 tons of explosives have vanished.

When troops from the 101st Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade arrived at the Al-Qaqaa installation south of Baghdad a day or so after the coalition troops seized the capital on April 9, 2003, they found the explosives throughout the facility. Lt. Col. Fred Wellman, deputy public affairs officer for the unit, told The Associated Press.

The soldiers "secured the area they were in and looked in a limited amount of bunkers to ensure chemical weapons were not present in their area," Wellman wrote in an e-mail to the AP.

"Bombs were found but not chemical weapons in that immediate area. Orders were not given from higher to search or to secure the facility or to search for HE type munitions, as they (high-explosive weapons) were everywhere in Iraq," he wrote.

The 101st Airborne was at least the second military unit to arrive at Al-Qaqaa after the U.S.-led invasion began. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told The Washington Post that the 3rd Infantry Division reached the site around April 3, fought with Iraqi forces and occupied the site. It left after two days for Baghdad, the Post reported Wednesday.

AP correspondent Chris Tomlinson, who was embedded with the 3rd Infantry but didn't go to Al-Qaqaa, described the search of Iraqi military facilities south of Baghdad

Unit stopped at Al-Qaqaa on way to Baghdad

as brief, cursory missions to seek out hostile troops, not to inventory or secure weapons.

The enormous size of the bases, the rapid pace of the advance on Baghdad and a limited number of troops made it impossible for U.S. commanders to allocate any soldiers to guard any of the facilities after making a check, Tomlinson said.

The disappearance of the explosives was first reported on Monday's New York Times and has subsequently become a heated issue in the U.S. presidential campaign.

Sen. John Kerry's campaign called the disappearance the latest in a "tragic series of blunders" in Iraq by President Bush's administration.

Vice President Dick Cheney raised the possibility the explosives disappeared before U.S. soldiers could secure the site, and he complained that Kerry does not mention the "400,000 tons of weapons and explosives that our troops have captured."

Two weeks ago, Iraqi officials told the International Atomic Energy Agency that the explosives vanished from the al-Qaqaa installation as a result of "theft and looting ... due to lack of security." The ministry's letter said the explosives were stolen sometime after coalition forces took control of Baghdad.

The disappearance, which the IAEA reported to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, has raised questions about why the United States didn't do more to secure the facility and failed to allow full international inspections to resume after the invasion.

Russia, citing the disappearance, called on

the Security Council to discuss the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq. But the United States said American inspectors were investigating the loss and that there was no need for U.N. experts to return.

Russian U.N. Ambassador Andrei Denisov insisted that raising the issue in the council was "practical," not political, saying the explosives posed a danger.

The explosives at Al-Qaqaa had been housed in storage bunkers at the facility. U.N. nuclear inspectors placed fresh seals over the bunker doors in January 2003. The inspectors visited Al-Qaqaa for the last time on March 15, 2003, and reported that the seals were not broken — therefore, the weapons were still there at the time.

The team then pulled out of the country in advance of the invasion.

The Al-Qaqaa munitions included HMX and RDX, key components in plastic explosives, which insurgents in Iraq have used in bomb attacks. But HMX is also a "dual use" substance powerful enough to ignite the fissile material in an atomic bomb and send off a nuclear chain reaction.

NBC correspondent Lai Ling Jew, who was with the 101st, told MSNBC that "there wasn't a search" of Al-Qaqaa.

"The mission that the brigade had was to get to Baghdad," she said. "As far as we could tell, there was no move to secure the weapons, nothing to keep looters away."

Wellman, the 101st Airborne spokesman, said he does not know if any troops were left at the facility once combat troops from the 2nd Brigade left.

NASA AP
An image taken Sunday by the US-European spacecraft Cassini reveals the bright, continent-sized terrain on Saturn's moon Titan.

Spacecraft's lens captures Saturn moon

BY JOHN ANTCAK
The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — The international Cassini spacecraft began unveiling Saturn's mysterious sidelong Titan with a stream of increasingly sharp pictures of the surface taken during a flyby within 745 miles of the hazy moon.

Distinct dark and bright surface areas were apparent in pictures arriving at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory late Tuesday.

Scientists were thrilled, but admitted they could only speculate about what they were seeing. They could not say whether there is any liquid on the surface or whether the moon has distinct topography or is flat.

Scientists hoped the pictures and instrument data would show whether the hazy hydrocarbon skies of Titan have been concealing oceans or lakes of methane and ethane, which theories say could rain out of its skies.

Deal spares Malvo death in sniper killing

The Associated Press

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va. — Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo avoided the death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole under a plea deal for one of 10 slayings that terrorized the Washington area in October 2002.

Malvo, 19, could still face a

death penalty prosecution for other slayings.

He was sentenced Tuesday for the Oct. 11, 2002, killing of businessman Kenneth Bridges. He also received a life sentence for the shooting of Caroline Seawell on Oct. 4, 2002. She recovered from her wounds.

Malvo already is serving a life sentence for another one of the killings, and dropped his appeals of that conviction in connection with Tuesday's plea bargain.

Malvo's guilty plea took the form of an Alford plea, in which Malvo did not admit factual guilt but acknowledged the govern-

ment has sufficient evidence to convict him. He cannot appeal the sentence.

Malvo declined to make a statement before he was sentenced.

Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney William Neely said the victims' families supported the plea bargain.

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30	CNN+	•European PGA Golf Masters Andalucia - First Round, From Solitude, Spain.											
31	GOLF	Clean Sweep "You've Got a Friend in Clean Sweep" Sports equipment and body clothes create obstacles.											
32	TLC	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Mucha Lucha	Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon	Looney Tunes					
34	TOON	The Crocodile Hunter Operation: Bur- yes Rescue! Catching and relocating an- imals that were abandoned.	•Most Extreme Builders High-rises of the animal kingdom built by Mother Na- ture. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	Animal Zone "Heat Wave" Puppies with heat stroke. (CC)	
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OPINION

The 'real job' is keeping Teresa Kerry quiet

BY MICHAEL GOODWIN

New York Daily News

In the spirit of the Kerry campaign official who declared Vice President Cheney's lesbian daughter "fair game," let us turn to the question of whether John Kerry's wife is fit to be first lady.

The issue is "fair game" because of how Teresa Heinz Kerry is behaving. Already widely unpopular — her approval rating is an anemic 30 percent — she did the political equivalent of mooning her neighbors last week by insulting first lady Laura Bush. Said Heinz Kerry in an interview: "I don't know that she's ever had a real job — I mean, since she's been grown up."

The incident, including a quick apology for forgetting Bush was a teacher, librarian and full-time mother, was a one-day wonder, because Laura Bush brushed it off. But it was not an isolated event. It fit a pattern Heinz Kerry established with a series of breezy putdowns and oddball rants.

There was the blast at the "scumbags" who criticize her, the claim that "only an idiot" wouldn't like her husband's health care plan and her goofy suggestion that Caribbean hurricane victims "go naked for a while" until food was delivered.

My favorite came on her recent visit to Nevada to discuss health care. The 40-minute speech, per her usual rambling, it's-all-about-me style, included her remedy for arthritis: "You get some gin and get some white raisins — and only white raisins — and soak them in the gin for two weeks. Then eat nine of the raisins a day."

Got it — not eight raisins, not 10 raisins,

nine. She's a fan of Botox, Armani and Chanel, calls herself "cheeky" and "sexy," but Kerry aides have heart palpitations every time she opens her mouth. Even some New York backers are concerned.

"We could have a bona fide head case as first lady," said a supporter.

"She's weird," says another. "She looks like she's on Prozac or something."

Radio man Don Imus, as usual, said what others can't. A Kerry supporter, Imus wondered whether Teresa is "too crazy to be first lady."

I've been wondering myself. After watching her on several occasions and after following her antics on the trail, I've concluded she's not crazy. She's a rich, spoiled brat.

And because she's so rich — a billionaire, with five houses, a private jet and income of perhaps \$50 million a year — she is used to being feared by the help and flattered by supplicants who hope she'll sprinkle a few pennies their way. The recipe for both bowing and scraping naturally begins to feel wise, even superior.

Arrogance is thus born.

Arrogance is what former Texas Gov. Ann Richards spotted in a privileged George H.W. Bush. The former president, Richards said, woke up on third base and thought he'd hit a triple.

But Heinz Kerry's arrogance is different. Worldly and intelligent, she exhibits a presumptuousness that recalls 19th-century robber barons who believed their wealth proved they were divinely blessed, and that the poor, too, got what they deserved.



Speeches she's given, including at the party's Boston convention, were mostly about her, as if her life is inspiring. She has a habit of lecturing, skips from topic to topic and tends to speak quietly, so you'll just have to listen harder.

Not to worry — there's not much to hear. Her story, stripped of hyperbole, comes to this: She was the child of privilege, and now she is the adult of privilege. Her doctor father was rich and so was her first, late husband. All her money is

inherited.

After her marriage in 1966 to John Heinz, heir to the ketchup fortune, she quit her job as a translator and settled into the pampered world of the super-rich.

So she hasn't had a real job for 40 years.

Oh, yes, she does give away Heinz money. She calls herself a philanthropist. Not exactly a job ordinary Americans can relate to. Or a first lady.

On balance, Kerry's military philosophy more fair

BY JOHN B. QUIGLEY

COLUMBUS, Ohio

On defense policy, John Kerry doesn't have to do much to look better than President Bush.

Our current president surrounded himself with ideologues committed to controlling the world. He blurred the line between keeping the country safe and promoting corporations that profit from the resources of other countries.

"No-ones" by this crew, dubbed the "backed by Bush" group, espoused a new and dangerous doctrine of attacking other countries well in advance of an actual attack on us. The question of Iraq onphony information shows how easily this doctrine can be manipulated.

John Kerry, as a senator, has generally voted for defense spending.

But he says he will use military force only when it is seriously necessary to protect the country. He voted to authorize Bush to invade Iraq but criticizes Bush for misusing intelligence information and failing to gain the support of key allies.

President Bush now tries to justify his invasion of Iraq by saying that he is successfully fighting terrorism by taking the war to the place where terrorists are. Kerry, more plausibly, says that terrorism in Iraq has been generated by U.S. actions.

Despite President Bush's focus on terrorism as a defense priority, he is still fighting the Cold War. His multibillion-dollar program to build a missile defense system, both on the ground and in space, is aimed at a threat from Russia that probably does not exist. Whether the missile defense system would even stop incoming missiles is an open question.

Kerry, as a senator, has voted funding for missile defense but does not view it as the priority that Bush does.

"We cannot afford to spend billions," he said on the stump, "to deploy an unproven missile-defense system. Not only is it not ready, but it's the wrong priority for a war on terror where the enemy strikes with a bomb in the back of a truck, or a via of an aircraft in a breachcase."

The Iraq invasion has made the United States less safe. By bringing the United States into disrepute, especially in the Middle East, President Bush has left us more vulnerable to attack. More people are willing now to give up their own lives to attack U.S. targets. Beyond this circle of activists stand millions who support them morally and financially.

Simply by avoiding the belligerence that characterizes Bush, Kerry can reduce anti-U.S. hatred and thus the risk of attacks.

Kerry has made a point of saying that he will try to reduce anti-U.S. hatred. However, Kerry will have to avoid Bush's strong tilt in favor of Israel in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict if he wants to improve the U.S. image in the Middle East. To date, Kerry has given little indication he would do anything different from Bush on Israel-Palestine.

One issue that generates anti-U.S. resentment on which Kerry might do better than Bush is abuse of prisoners by our troops. President Bush whitewashed the atrocities at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad as the acts of a few "bad apples" among our troops. Bush ignored internal memoranda

that prove that the signal to torture came from the top of our defense establishment.

Bush has a record, from his Vietnam days, of opposing atrocities. He is a better bet than Bush to deal appropriately with a situation like Abu Ghraib.

As to the welfare of our troops, Kerry is attuned to the hardships that military action brings to service personnel and their families.

Bush calls them heroes but does little to ease their burdens.

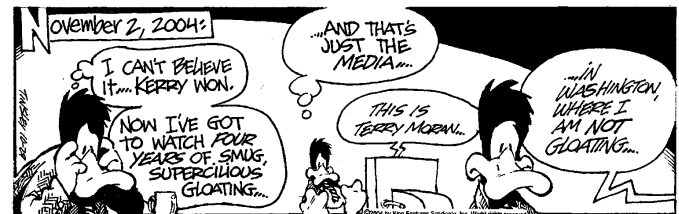
Both candidates say they would not institute a military draft, but Kerry's promise is more credible, since he would be less likely to commit troops to unnecessary wars.

Bush's sorry record on defense wasn't the result of a plan to make an opponent look good. But it does.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



No tiger charges

FL WEST PALM BEACH — Prosecutors have decided not to charge a former Tarzan actor in the escape of a 600-pound tiger last July.

A state wildlife officer shot and killed the tiger July 13 after the big cat allegedly lunged at him following a 26-hour hunt for his capture.

Investigators had filed a probable cause affidavit charging Steve Sipek with allowing captive wildlife to escape and causing a threat to the public.

But prosecutors filed a court document saying they were unable to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Sipek negligently allowed the tiger to escape. The Miami Herald reported.

The state also couldn't disprove Sipek's allegation that someone else let the tiger out of the compound, Palm Beach County Assistant State Attorney Paul Zacks wrote in the document.

Subscribe to lotto

NH CONCORD — State residents soon won't have to go to the store to buy their lottery tickets. Starting Nov. 1, New Hampshire Powerball players will be able to buy subscriptions to the game. Lottery Director Rick Wisler says New Hampshire is the first state to offer the same tickets for Powerball. The subscriptions are available for 26, 52, or 104 drawings.

Question added to bar

WA RICHLAND — The state bar Association governing body voted to add a question on American Indian law to the state bar exam. Washington is the second state to offer the same questions to understand tribal law. The first bar exam with the new question will be given in the summer of 2007.

What's in a name?

TX LUBBOCK — GOP candidate Randy Neugebauer is getting the word out on how to pronounce his name. Apparently, though, the National Republican Congressional Committee hasn't listened.

Neugebauer has been airing ads that poke fun at people's struggle to pronounce his surname. The ads set in an old-fashioned barber shop in a small Texas town, have several people bandying about how to say "Neugebauer." (The correct pronunciation is NAW'-guh-bow-ur.)

By the end of the ad, people learn how to say it correctly.

But a recorded telephone message in calls to District 19 constituents last weekend by the NRCC repeatedly mispronounced the Lubbock candidate's name. The man's voice pronounced it (NO'-guh-bow-ur).

Chris Paulitz, a spokesman for the NRCC, said the mispronunciation has been corrected. He declined to say how many calls with the mispronunciation were made and how much the ad buy cost.

"We never discuss our October strategy," Paulitz said.

Neugebauer, who has served in the House since June 2003, faces longtime U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, who has represented District 17 since 1979.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Burial cave investigated

HI HONOLULU — Federal and state investigators have examined a Big Island burial cave to determine if Hawaiian artifacts are missing and for sale on the black market.

Members of Native Hawaiian groups who are claimants to the cave and their private investigators were present when the Kani-pa cave in the Big Island's Kohala area was opened on Friday.

Donald Wong, chief investigator for the attorney general's office, said he was not at liberty to say what was found. But he said investigators found what they expected.

The state and U.S. Department of Interior are conducting separate investigations into how valuable artifacts from the cave and from several other collections have allegedly shown up for sale on the antiques black market within the last year.

The federal government is the lead agency in the investigation, Wong said, but the state attorney general may become involved, depending on what is found.

The federal investigators initiated their probe last spring. The state followed after a picture of the unsealed cave appeared in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin in August.

The Native Hawaiian group Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawaii, which reburied items in the cave in November 2003, pushed the state to seal the entrance and investigate.



Rocket launch

Tyler Durand, 8, goes airborne while launching a rocket as part of 1st annual third-grade science fair at McCaughey School in Mount Zion, Ill. Durand's rocket broke the previous school record by traveling 55 feet.

Not for sale

KY CHATTANOOGA —

A man who gave up one of his kidneys in response to a commercial Web site solicitation said he would be willing to take a lie detector test to show he did not sell the organ, despite claims to the contrary.

In an Oct. 20 operation in Colorado, Rob Smitty, 32, gave a kidney to a man who had needed a transplant since 1999 due to kidney disease.

The recipient, Bob Hickey, met Smitty through MatchingDonors.com, a Web site created to match donors and recipients for a fee. Hickey paid the Web site \$295 a month for three months to post his plea. Both men have said there was no payment for the kidney, which would be a violation of federal law. There are no laws against soliciting an organ.

Drive-through flu shots

AR MAGNOLIA — Hundreds of Medicare patients rolled down their windows and rolled up their sleeves to get a flu shot while sitting in their cars at a drive-through clinic.

Magnolia Hospital inoculated more than 370 people in about 90 minutes in the hospital parking lot, and traffic backed up as people showed up early for the limited number of shots.

The first patient arrived five hours before the temporary drive-through clinic opened. More than 100 shots were administered in the first half hour when the supply ran out, a line of cars still stretched down the street.

"People have been nice, they've been patient, understanding and cooperative," said hospital administrator Kirk Reamey.

Getting tough on DUIs

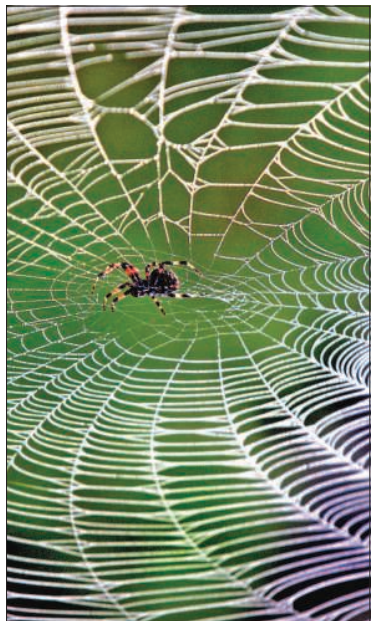
WY CHEYENNE — The governor's Council on Impaired Driving is recommending tougher penalties for people who have children with them when they drink and drive. The 40-member council was established more than a year ago. It wants tougher penalties if an impaired driver 18 years or older drives with anyone under 16 as a passenger.

MBA program launched

MD COLLEGE PARK — The University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business is starting two MBA programs in China. The school will launch an 18-month executive program in Shanghai in January. Officials plan to start a custom program in Tianjin next month designed for senior managers of Otis Elevators China, one of the country's fastest-growing multinational corporations.

Guards for mayor?

IN LAWRENCE — Some City Council members are questioning whether the city should pay for two officers to protect Mayor Deborah Cantwell. Some council members said they would rather see the mayor's bodyguards patrolling the streets. Cantwell said she needs the security because she has received threats. Mayors in Indianapolis and Gary also have bodyguards.



In the web

A banana spider's web, saturated by a morning dew, is highlighted by the sun in the Apalachicola National Forest in Sopchoppy, Fla.



Making new friends

Marrs, 8, (in red) feed corn kernels to a sheep after going on a hay ride at the DeMoss Pumpkin Farm West of Gilbert, Iowa. The girls belong to two Ames Girls Scout troops who attended the hay ride.



Ribbons to remember Erin Jones, 7, ties a red ribbon to the fence at Lincoln-McKinley Primary School in Havre, Mont., as Lorraine Verplogen, second-grade teacher at Lincoln-McKinley, helps other students with the task in observance of Red Ribbon week. Supporting a drug-free America, the nationwide program began after DEA agent Kiki Camarena was murdered in Mexico City in 1985. Red Ribbon week runs Oct. 23-31.



Bet that's gonna' leave a stain! Conger Elementary School principal, Barbara Headden of Klamath Falls, Or., left, reacts as third-grader Tyler Alvarez dumps peanuts over Headden's head. Students from the school earned the right to turn the principal into an ice cream sundae after they made a profit of \$10,093.23 selling food products in a fund-raiser. The money will be used for new technology for the school and classroom funds.



Not your everyday pumpkin White pumpkins are shown on display at Peck's Farm Markets near Spring Green, Wis. For people who are tired of the same old orange pumpkins, local growers now offer pumpkins in colors such as white, red and green.

Baby koala causes stir

SC COLUMBIA — It's about the size of a jellybean, but it is the biggest thing to happen at Riverbanks Zoo in quite some time. It is a baby koala.

"I don't think I can adequately describe how excited everyone here is about this," executive director Sach Krantz said.

Zoo veterinarian Dr. Keith Benson spied the healthy, hairless baby in the pouch of Lottie, one of two female koalas at Riverbanks, on Sept. 17. Before he could get back to his office, e-mails were going out around the world with the news.

Riverbanks' two females, Lottie and Killarney, are gifts from South Carolina's sister-state of Queensland in Australia. Japan's Hirakawa Zoo donated the new baby's father, Marai.

Newborn koalas are less than an inch long and weigh a fraction of an ounce. They spend their first months entirely in their mother's pouch, and don't fully leave the pouch until they are about 1½ years old.

Australia is the koala's only native home and the cute marsupials have become a national symbol. Exportation of the animals is strictly controlled. There are only about 75 in U.S. zoos.

Riverbanks mammal curator John Davis said, "... This is a nice indication that we are succeeding in making a good home for them."

Turnpike talks off

PA HARRISBURG — Negotiations have broken off between the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and its 2,000 unionized workers. No new talks are scheduled. Commission spokesman Carl DeFebo says Teamsters representatives notified turnpike managers they could call a strike without notice. Turnpike officials say the commission could keep the 531-mile highway open if union workers walk off the job.

Judge extols capture

TX DALLAS — A judge threw a party complete with balloons, streamers and a cake to welcome a former fugitive back to her court — and sentence him to life in prison.

"You just made my day when I heard you had finally come home," Criminal Courts Judge Faith Johnson told Billy Wayne Williams, who had been convicted in absentia of aggravated assault after he disappeared a year ago. "We're so excited to see you, we're throwing a party for you."

Williams, 53, was accused of choking his girlfriend until she was unconscious. He failed to appear for his trial last November and was recently captured.

Before he was brought into the courtroom, Johnson directed staff members as they placed balloons and streamers around the courtroom. A colorful cake was decorated with his name.

"It seems like everyone wants to have a party, and it's fun for you people, but not for me," Williams told reporters as he was led away in handcuffs.

Calls to the judge's office and the State Bar Association were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Williams has a criminal record dating back to the 1980s, authorities said. During his year on the

run, Williams used disguises, posed as an attorney and used aliases such as "Justin Burroughs" and "Bubba Lee Williams," authorities said.

DAs' time is up

CO DENVER — Twelve district attorneys across the state will be out of a job after November because of term limits. Bob Grant, who has served three terms as Adams County DA, says the departures are being pushed by the justice system. In January, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled district attorneys are subject to a 1994 constitutional amendment on term limits.

Curbing elderly abuse

OR BEAVERTON — Gov. Ted Kulongoski announced recommendations aimed at curbing abuse of the elderly. The recommendations are a response to the more than 10,000 cases of elder abuse tallied by the Department of Human Services in 2003. Health officials suspect thousands more go unreported each year.

The plan includes a registry of individuals who have committed crimes against vulnerable adults.

SmartTag, E-Z merging

VA RICHMOND — Virginia is merging its SmartTag automated toll system with the E-Z Pass system used in many other East Coast states. The two systems become compatible Wednesday, state transportation officials say. SmartTag and E-Z Pass give drivers with prepaid accounts transponders to attach to their so a toll can be automatically deducted without stopping.

IKEA to open new store

MI CANTON TOWNSHIP — Swedish furniture giant IKEA announced plans to open a store outside Detroit. The proposed store in Canton Township would be the fourth IKEA in the upper Midwest.

Pending approval, construction could start next spring in time for an opening in summer 2006, the company said.

Group sues over whales

AK ANCHORAGE — Conservationists has sued a federal agency for allegedly failing to protect North Pacific right whales, which were hunted nearly to extinction more than a century ago and remain among the world's most endangered animals.

The suit asks the court to order the National Marine Fisheries Service to protect a "critical" habitat for the North Pacific right whale, saying it is required to do so under the Endangered Species Act.

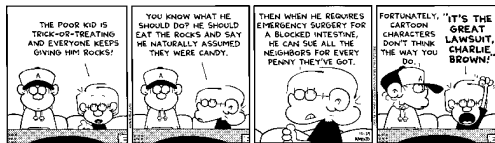
That habitat most likely would be in Alaska's Bering Sea, where an increasing number of whales have summered since 1996, said Brent Plater, a lawyer for the Center for Biological Diversity.

The animals received international protection in 1931 and have been listed as endangered since 1973. Experts believe there are probably fewer than 100 North Pacific right whales in U.S. waters.

Plater said a critical habitat designation would not necessarily mean a halt to fishing.

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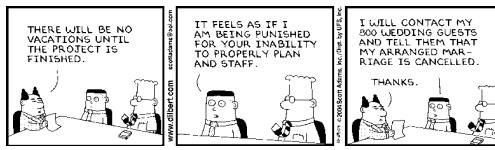
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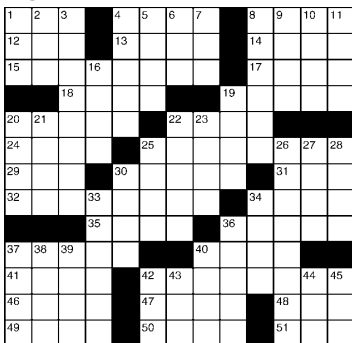
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 14 Without end
- 15 Vicinity
- 17 Tallow source
- 18 Earl Grey's family?
- 19 Crowbar
- 20 Baffle
- 22 Really eager
- 24 Arthur Marx's instrument
- 25 Its days are numbered
- 29 Scepter topper
- 30 Impressive setup

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- 1 Evil
- 2 Yale student
- 3 Bother
- 4 Backpack part
- 5 Fleur-de-lis
- 6 Pen name?
- 8 Quilt
- 9 Egg
- 10 Appear
- 11 Bohemian
- 16 Office part-timer
- 19 Baby kangaroo
- 20 Old woman's home?
- 21 The O'Hara estate
- 22 "Hammerin' Hank"
- 23 Pleased

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- 27 Basilica section
- 28 Deteriorates
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- 34 Brazilian river
- 36 With passion
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- 38 Lacking slack
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TWO FISHERMEN FRIENDS STARTED CHATTING BUT ENDED UP OPENING A BIG CAN OF WORMS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

Internet deviancy not acceptable

Dear Abby: I am 36 and "Vito," my significant other, is 44. I recently learned that he has been posing as a woman on an Internet swingers' site. He sends me naked photos of a girl—and once I found a picture of a naked man. (Not him.)

One of his objectives is to recruit couples for a threesome, and I believe he is also doing cybersex. When I confronted Vito, he wasn't just a joke. But it isn't the first time he has done this, and it is very hurtful.

Abby, Vito is sneaky, passive-aggressive and an alcoholic. I have always believed if you had to hide something from your partner or spouse, it was cheating. Is cybersex cheating?

—Blondie in Daytona Beach

Dear Blondie: Yes, cybersex is cheating. When someone hides something from a spouse or partner, it's usually with the knowledge that the spouse or

partner would disapprove. Now, I have a question for you: Why are you waiting your turn with someone who sneaks around looking for other sex partners? Romances like yours don't have happy endings. Be smart. Get checked for STDs and call it quits with Vito.

Dear Abby:



My younger brother, who is 53, recently lost his job. His wife has never worked. They have spent their life traveling, driving expensive cars and entertaining lavishly. They never saved a nickel.

I, on the other hand, have always lived frugally. My wife and I

put our kids through college, we live in a modest home, drive older cars and have never vacationed outside the United States. We have saved diligently and plan early retirement in a year or two.

My mother and sister think we

should help my brother and his wife out by lending them money that we know will never be repaid. My brother has put me down for my thirty ways, saying I could die tomorrow, then what good would all that money be? Well, tomorrow is here. My wife and I are prepared for whatever life may deal us in the future. Mom and Sis are angry that we refuse to give money to my brother and his wife. They made their bed—now they can lie in it. Abby, please tell me if I'm right.

—Able But Unwilling in Alabama

Dear Able: Your philosophy of financial planning has paid off, while your brother is now paying dearly for failing to provide for his future. Far be it from me to raise Cain with you about your decision, but if you felt comfortable, you wouldn't be asking me to endorse it.

Letters for this column—with your name and phone number—should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69404, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby at the Internet at: <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

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Answer: What the King reduced when he sold the royal crowns—HIS "OVER HEAD"

Family Circus



"Grandma said in her day the only things they pierced were their ears."

A few tips for airline etiquette

Dear Annie: I am a huge fan of your column and would like to respond to "F/A in Toronto," the flight attendant who said a passenger clipped his nails while she served orange juice. I travel a lot. People seem to forget everyday courtesies the moment they walk through airport security. On a recent flight, the woman sitting next to me changed her baby's dirty diaper on the seat between us.

Please print these guidelines for our fellow travelers: I don't be afraid to use the washrooms on the plane. Teeth flossing, nail clipping, make-up application, nasal sprays, tweezing and changing diapers should be done in private. We don't want to watch you.

2. By all means, remove your shoes, but please, keep your feet on the ground. No one wants to smell them.

3. Treat the people in the middle seat with respect. Don't grab

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both armrests.

4. Be mindful that not everyone wants to be engaged in conversation. While you might be an interesting person, some of us prefer to work or sleep.

5. If you have children, please don't let your 4-year-old run up and down the aisle screaming. It's OK to tell your child to stop kicking the seats and making noise.

6. Please don't push when exiting the plane. This is aggravating and dangerous.

And to the flight attendants: We know how hard you work, but please, when you see people doing inappropriate things, help us out. Thanks.

—Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Ottawa: Thanks for your sensible suggestions. We hope they help.

Dear Annie: I was amazed with the letter from "Had It with PC," who is delighted when

waitresses call him "Hon" and "Dear." He says we should light up.

My mother is 84 years old. All her nurses at the assisted-living home call her "Sweetie" and "Hon," even though they know her name.

It is condescending to treat a woman her age as though she were 3 years old and anonymous. I'm 55 and hate when women 20 and 30 years younger call me "Hon."

I notice these young women don't call each other by such names.

Whatever happened to "Sir" and "Ma'am" when addressing strangers of an older generation?

I Have a Name

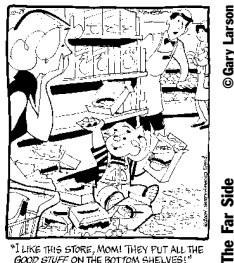
Dear Name: Some people don't like those terms either, because it makes them feel old, but in your doubt, it's best to err on the side of politeness.

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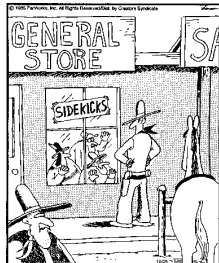


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SPORTS

IOC charges Beijing with preparing for 2008 Olympics

The Associated Press

BEIJING — The IOC has a word of advice for organizers of the 2008 Olympics: prepare.

Determined to avoid a repeat of the construction delays that threatened the Athens Games, Olympic officials arrived in Beijing on Wednesday.

"You have to start your preparation early enough, all your operational planning," International Olympic Committee executive director Gilbert Felli said during a news conference. "It is very complicated, the operations aspect of it."

Athens put the finishing touches on venues with only days remaining. The IOC prefers that facilities be finished a year ahead of time, so they can be tested, Felli said.

China is actually slowing its Olympics construction from its initial ambitious pace following IOC concerns about cash flow. It had planned to build 10 stadiums but will now build five to ensure that venue costs stay below \$2 billion. Beijing also expects to spend \$2.4 billion on new subway lines, roads and other facilities by 2008.

IOC delegates will meet with Chinese organizers for several days to discuss such issues as sports, marketing, finances and media, committee spokeswoman Giselle Davies said. IOC President Jacques Rogge is to meet Chinese President Hu Jintao in Beijing, head of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games.

A delegation led by Athens 2004 president Giannis Ioannidis and Greek Olympic Committee president Daskalakis will meet with Chinese organizers so "there is a transfer of knowledge," Davies said. That way, "there is less need to, what you say, reinvent the wheel," she added.

Lukas banking on filly in Breeders' Classic

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — The king of Breeders' Cup trainers is pursuing his record 18th victory on horse racing's biggest stage in a surprising way.

Wayne Lukas said Azeri will run against the boys in the \$4 million Distaff, instead of the \$2 million Distaff, where the 2002 Horse of the Year would have been the likely favorite.

Azeri won the Distaff in 2002 but was injured and did not run in last year's race. By choosing the Azeri Classic for the 3-year-old mare, Lukas is taking a shot at history.

She will be just the third female to run in the 1 1/4-mile Classic to the Breeders' Cup began in 1984, and would be the first to win it. Triptych was sixth in 1986, and Jolytha was third in 1992.

"We're going to swing for the fence," Lukas said. "I'm betting."

"She's already won the Distaff. We're going to see if we can do something that hasn't been done before."

Azeri was pre-entered in the Distaff and the Classic, and it was believed Lukas was leaning toward running her in the Distaff.

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After talking with owner Michael Paulson, though, the decision was made to give it another try again.

The mare has won 17 of 23 starts and earned \$3,959,820.

Azeri ran against males for the first time at Belmont Park on May 31, finishing eighth in the Metropolitan Mile. Lukas cannot Azeri's challenge to a poker game.

"This is Texas. The Breeders' Cup is kind of a Texas Hold 'em. We're going to play the game."

Bowling Green suspends seven hockey players

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Bowling Green suspended seven hockey players Tuesday, one day after the school's athletic coach Scott Paluch a photo it said was of a nude player whose body was covered with profanity.

Ryan Barnett, Steve Brudzewski, Brian Burt, Matt Dalks, Don Morrison, Brent Pilkington and Alex Rogosheske were suspended for violating team policy, the school said in a statement.

Paluch, the athletic director, Paul Krebs declined to discuss the photo during a news conference announcing the suspensions. The Bowling Green newspaper reported the photo was taken Monday that showed a Bowling Green hockey player face down, with profanity and racial slurs scrawled on his body in colored marker.

Arizona State's starting tailback reinstated

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State basketball and leading rusher Hakim Hill, who was benched last week, will be available Saturday when the 20th-ranked Sun Devils play at seventh-ranked California.

Hill has practiced with the first-string offense this week after not playing in last Saturday's 48-47 victory over UCLA. Coach Dirk Kotter said it was Hill Hill would play against the Golden Bears but wanted to see how the 6-foot, 220-pound junior practices before deciding if he will start. Kotter has declined to say why Hill wasn't in the game, and refused to let Hill be interviewed.

Spencer arrested while police try to serve warrant on son

CORNELIUS, N.C. — NASCAR driver Jimmy Spencer was arrested and accused of interfering with police officers as they attempted to serve a warrant on his son.

Officers went to Spencer's home Sunday night to arrest James Jonathan Spencer Jr., 18, on a misdemeanor charge of interfering with police officers.

The elder Spencer was charged with two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting a public officer.

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Yokota, Kinnick set sights on Rising Sun

Red Devils hope to end long drought vs. Panthers, earn shot at title game

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

Robert Stovall would like to think the end is near for the Yokota Panthers' long run of league titles and consecutive games won.

That might seem ludicrous, given that his Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils haven't beaten Yokota in 11 meetings since the 1998 season and have been outscored by the Panthers 321-39 during that stretch.

The Panthers' run consists of five straight Japan Football League and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools titles, four straight Rising Sun Bowl victories and 45 straight on-field victories (Yokota forfeited two victories during the 2002 season for using an ineligible player).

But Kinnick's current group has Stovall believing it's possible to dethrone the Panthers.

In a driving rain on home Sept. 24, the Panthers barely escaped Kinnick 7-6 — their closest call since opening the 1987 season by edging Zama American 7-6.

If the Red Devils can beat Yokota by two or more points on Friday, then down Robert D. Edgren on Nov. 5 at Kinnick's homecoming, it will be a Red Devil of a Rising Sun Bowl on Nov. 13 at Yokosuka Naval Base's Berkeley Field.

"It's a winner-take-all situation," Yokota coach Tim Pujol said. "Any time you're in a must-win situation, there's always additional pressure."

"If we play up to our potential," Stovall said, "it ought to be as good as the first one. Hopefully, with a different outcome."

Meanwhile, the Okinawa Activities Council believes determining who'll be the visiting Rising Sun Bowl team.

Friday at Kubasaki's Mike Petty Stadium, the defending champion Kadena Buccaneers will play the 2002 champion Kubasaki Samurai and the last-place Kubasaki Shogun tangle with the regular-season champion Kadena Islanders.

Also embroiled in a playoff are the Guam High Panthers, who visit the John F. Kennedy Islanders in the Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam quarterfinals on Saturday. Ogan American and Taegu American conclude the Korea season on Saturday as well.

Weather forecasts project vastly different conditions than the first time Yokota and Kinnick met, with clear skies on the horizon and mid-week rain.

Neither team could do what they would have liked, so it came down to a few basic plays, good defense and the kicking game," Pujol recalled of the Sept. 24 clash, won on Chris Roach's fourth-quarter TD and Stefan Welch's extra-point kick. "One extra point made the difference."



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Yokota senior RB Chris Roach brings a Japan Football League-leading 979 yards and 16 TDs into Friday's first-place showdown against Nile C. Kinnick.

Stovall said Friday "hopefully will be a quicker and more precise game for both sides."

"Both offenses will be able to be more wide open," Pujol added. "You'd like to think there will be a few less unforced mistakes, fumbles, that kind of thing. A cleaner game."

It will mean better footing for Yokota's Roach, the JFL's leading rusher with 979 yards and 16 touchdowns on 112 carries, and Kinnick's deadly threesome of Leonard Lynde, Adam Krievs and Jarvis Williams.

"Roach is a good runner and he has good blockers in his front work," Stovall said of his biggest weapon. "We'll have to step up, wrap up and have good tackling to take him down."

Having to contend with Lynde (681 yards, 12 TDs, 61 carries), Krievs (459, 2, 86) and Williams (438, 4, 68) is a handful for Pujol's charges as well.

"You can't focus on stopping just one person," said Pujol, noting that Lynde sometimes lines up under center, in the backfield or even in wideout. "We have to be aware of where he's lined up, what potentiality they may try to do with him, but you can't discount the other players."

"And lingering in both sides' minds is all that's at stake. "There's extra pressure on both teams," Pujol said. "You pretty much have to go in Friday with the attitude that you have to win this one."

"I'm sure they're pumped up to prove that Kinnick isn't a threat, that they're the dominant team," Stovall said of Yokota. "And they have every right to feel that way over the last five years."

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High school scoreboard

Football				
Japan Football League				
	W	L	Pct.	PF
Yokota	5	0	1.000	174
Nile C. Kinnick	3	1	.750	98
Robert D. Edgren	1	4	.200	48
Zama American	1	5	.167	64

Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools				
	W	L	Pct.	PF
Yokota	4	0	1.000	132
Nile C. Kinnick	4	1	.800	133
Zama American	1	4	.200	36
American School In Japan	0	4	.000	26

Nile C. Kinnick at Yokota, 7 p.m.
ASIJ at Zama American, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5
Robert D. Edgren at Nile C. Kinnick, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6
Yokota at ASIJ, 1 p.m.
End regular season

Okinawa Activities Council				
Final regular-season standings				
	W	L	Pct.	PF
x-Kadena Islanders	6	0	1.000	153
Kadena Buccaneers	3	3	.500	100
Kubasaki Samurai	3	3	.500	100

Kubasaki Shogun	3	3	.500	109	118
Kubasaki Shogun	0	6	.000	60	129

x-clinched regular-season championship.
top seed in island playoffs.

Postseason
Friday, Oct. 29
Semifinals
At Mike Petty Stadium,

Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster
Kadena Buccaneers vs. Kubasaki Samurai.
5 p.m.
Kubasaki Shogun vs. Kadena Islanders.
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 4
Semifinal winners, time and site to be determined.

Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam				
Final regular-season standings				
Team	W	L	Pct.	PF
Yokota	4	0	1.000	132
Nile C. Kinnick	4	0	1.000	132
Zama American	3	1	.750	101
Kinnick	3	1	.750	101

x-Father Denas Memorial	6	0	1.000	195	38
George Washington	4	2	.667	107	44
Simon Sanchez	4	2	.667	132	58
y-John F. Kennedy	4	2	.333	95	48
Guam High	2	4	.333	98	100
Southern	2	4	.333	16	147
Guam Int'l Christian Acad.	1	5	.167	35	233
x-clinched regular-season championship					

first-round bye in island playoffs.
y forfeited two victories for using an ineligible player.

Postseason
Saturday, Oct. 30
Quarterfinals
Guam International Christian Academy vs.

George Washington, time and site to be determined.

Southern vs. Simon Sanchez, time and site TBD.

Guam High vs. John F. Kennedy, time and site TBD.

Friday, Nov. 5					
Yokota	W	L	Pct.	PA	
Yokota	4	0	1.000	132	14
Nile C. Kinnick	4	0	1.000	132	14
Zama American	3	1	.750	101	13
Kinnick	3	1	.750	101	13

Friday, Nov. 5				
Yokota	W	L	Pct.	PA
Yokota	4	0	1.000	132
Nile C. Kinnick	4	0	1.000	132
Zama American	3	1	.750	101
Kinnick	3	1	.750	101

Friday, Nov. 5				
Yokota	W	L	Pct.	PA
Yokota	4	0	1.000	132
Nile C. Kinnick	4	0	1.000	132
Zama American	3	1	.750	101
Kinnick	3	1	.750	101

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Yokota	W	L	Pct.	PA
Yokota	4	0	1.000	132
Nile C. Kinnick	4	0	1.000	132
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Kinnick	3	1	.750	101

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Yokota	W	L	Pct.	PA	
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Nile C. Kinnick	4	0	1.000	132
Zama American	3	1	.750	101
Kinnick	3	1	.750	101

Saturday, Nov. 6
Semifinals
 Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, time and site to be determined.
 Game 3 winner vs. Father Duenas Memorial, time and site to be determined.

Saturday, Nov. 13
Bamboo Bowl
 Semifinal winners, time and site to be determined.

terminated.				
Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Council				
x-Seoul American	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
	4	0	1.000	87 13

Osan American	1	2	.333	39	40
Taegu American	0	3	.000	6	102

x-clinched league title.

Saturday, Oct. 30
Osan American at Taegu American, 2 p.m.
End regular season

The Top Ten

The Top Ten teams in the Stars and Stripes' 2004 Far East high school football ratings, with records through Oct. 23, points and last week's rating, as compiled by Dave Ormauer of Stars and Stripes sports. Ratings are based primarily on teams' win-loss records, quality of wins, strength of opponents.

records, quality of wins, such as O'Donnell roster, point differential, team and individual statistics, strength of schedule and strength of leagues. Maximum rating is 500 points:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Yokota (Japan)	6-0	464	1
2. Father Duenas Memorial (Guam)	6-0	456	2
3. Kaduna Blindor (Okinawa)	6-0	452	3

3. Kadena Buccaneers (Okinawa)	6-0	432	10
4. Seoul American	4-0	432	4
5. Nile C. Kinnick (Japan)	5-1	416	5
6. Simon Sanchez (Guam)	4-2	388	1
7. George Washington (Guam)	4-2	380	6
8. Kadena Buccaneers (Okinawa)	3-3	368	9
9. Kubasaki Samurai (Okinawa)	3-3	360	8
10. Osan American (South Korea)	1-2	332	10

Week 9 outlook

Friday, Oct. 29
Yokota 17, Nile C. Kinnick 13
Zama American 20, American School 19
Japan 8
Kadena Islanders 19, Kubaşaki Shogun 3

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Saturday, Oct. 30

John F. Kennedy 23, Guam High 7
Simon Sanchez 21, Southern 6
George Washington 22, Guam International Christian Academy 6
Osan American 18, Taegu American 12

Last week: 7-1, .875.
Season: 43-10, .811.

Week 8 grid honors

Kubasaki Samurai — Justin Daugherty 11-for-22, 155 yards, two touchdowns.
Stephen Thompson 112 yards, two touch-

Kadena Islanders — Keith Loving 255 yards, two touchdowns, 21 carries; 24 yards, two returns; 12 yards, one catch). Styr Macdayay two interceptions.

Kubasaki Shogun — Rafael Mew 150 yards, one touchdown (8-for-20).

Steelers downplay showdown with Pats

Cowher: 'There is a lot more left after this game'

By ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ask the Pittsburgh Steelers about the New England Patriots' NFL record 21-game winning streak, and it's likely they will turn the question around.

What about their own four-game winning streak since rookie Ben Roethlisberger replaced injured Tommy Maddox at quarterback?

With the Steelers (5-1) a game up on the favored Ravens (4-2) in the AFC North and 10 games remaining, the Steelers underlined the dangers of focusing too much attention on one regular-season game — even one that could bring an end to the Patriots' run.

That's why the Steelers are taking a low-key approach into Sunday's game in Pittsburgh, even if winning would substantially increase the national profile of a team that went 6-10 last season.

"We can't get too caught up and enamored with what we've done," coach Bill Cowher said Tuesday. "If we play our game, minimize the mistakes and try to take some opportunities, hopefully it will fall the right way and we'll have an opportunity to win. We're going to have to be on top of our game to win this."

Or, exactly how the Steelers have since Roethlisberger took over.



New England Patriots at Pittsburgh Steelers

5 a.m. Monday

AFC-Atlantic

Game time is Japan and Korea Standard. Guam is one hour ahead; Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind.

Certainly, the opposition has been suspect — the combined record of their beaten opponents is 10-23 — but that doesn't minimize how well Roethlisberger has played and how quickly he has settled in.

Roethlisberger hasn't expected to play much, if at all, this season, yet is fourth in passer rating behind Daunte Culpepper, Peyton Manning and Donovan McNabb. Roethlisberger's 69 percent completion rate isn't that far off the NFL record of 70.55 by Cincinnati's Ken Anderson in 1982, and his ability to make plays while on the move has added a dimension to Pittsburgh's offense.

But if Roethlisberger is interested in learning how he's become, he's likely to find out as the Steelers meet the NFL's only two remaining unbeaten, the Patriots and the Eagles (6-0), on successive Sundays in Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger has been warned by teammates what to expect from Patriots coach Bill Belichick's defense — namely, a



Ben Roethlisberger (7), 4-0 as Pittsburgh's starting quarterback, expects to get plenty of pressure and different looks from New England's defense on Sunday.

The Patriots have won 21 consecutive games and have gained a reputation of being a crafty defensive team under coach Bill Belichick.

whole lot of what he hasn't seen before.

"I'm sure there will be something [different] he will see," Cowher said. "They'll give us some things we'll have to adjust to. But we can't get too caught up in what they do. We have to establish our plan, play smart, control the clock and make some third downs."

The Steelers found out three seasons ago how confusing the Patriots' defense can be for an experienced quarterback. Then, Pittsburgh was a big favorite in the AFC championship game, only to have a confused Kordell Stewart throw three interceptions during a 24-17 New England victory that led to the first of the Patriots' two Super Bowl championships in three seasons.

Wide receiver Hines Ward still remembers how the Steelers' offense suffered to adjust on the fly as the Patriots repeatedly gave them defensive looks they didn't expect and didn't practice for.

"I'm sure with Ben, they will have a special package for him," Ward said. "But we can't put it all on Ben's shoulders. We can't say, 'You've got to pass the ball for us to win.'"

Just like the Steelers won't say they've beaten their season should they end the Patriots' streak.

"Sure you get excited about (the game), and I'm not going to downplay that. There's nothing to downplay," Cowher said. "It's a big game. It's why you're in this game, to play in games like this. But there is a lot more left after this game. Nothing will be accomplished or defined with this game."

Meanwhile, Maddox (now right elbow tendon) is throwing lightly for the first time since being injured Sept. 19, but is not close to being ready to practice. Inside linebacker Kendrick Bell, out all season with ankle and groin injuries, is expected to practice Wednesday and might play Sunday.

NFL statistics

AFC

Individual leaders

Week 7

Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	196	121	1,689	17	3
Roethlisberger, Pit.	117	78	1,116	9	3
Carr, Hou.	158	112	1,641	8	4
Favre, S.D.	181	114	1,116	9	3
Brady, N.E.	174	104	1,389	11	5
Stacy, Minn.	183	111	1,116	9	3
Lefkowitz, N.J.	233	152	1,664	9	5
Green, C.K.	187	118	1,594	6	5
Allen, Den.	224	139	1,711	11	7
Stokely, Ind.	211	137	1,382	9	7

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Holmes, K.C.	148	690	47	138
Martin, N.J.	132	693	45	24
Brown, Ten.	134	653	45	52
Dillon, N.E.	120	637	45	49
James, S.D.	105	615	38	6
Staley, Phil.	143	561	46	38
Tolson, S.D.	109	559	50	2
R. Johnson, Cin.	132	531	40	38
J. Smith, Ind.	120	509	50	16
Taylor, Jac.	121	501	41	29

Receivers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Mason, Ten.	44	514	71	29
Gates, S.D.	44	483	29	3
Ward, Pitt.	53	431	123	58
Moulds, Buf.	35	448	123	49
McMichael, Minn.	35	448	123	42
Harrison, Ind.	35	448	123	42
Johnson, Hou.	33	591	79	54
J. Smith, Ind.	33	588	79	52
Bennett, Ten.	33	388	116	35
Stokely, Ind.	32	400	125	34

Punters

Player	No	Yds	Att	LG
Lehtner, Oak.	42	1,844	62	46.9
H. Smith, Ind.	29	1,214	42	46.8
Miller, S.D.	28	1,228	66	43.9
Knorr, Den.	28	1,228	66	43.9
Henrich, Ten.	27	1,179	64	43.7
Reeder, E.C.	26	1,179	64	43.7
Gardocki, Pitt.	31	1,347	58	45.5
McDonald, Buf.	29	1,347	58	45.5
Hanson, Jac.	32	1,367	69	42.7
Stanley, Hou.	27	917	47	42.0

Punt Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	LG
Sams, Bal.	22	313	142	78
W. Miller, S.D.	17	178	105	44
Norcutt, C.K.	17	178	105	44
W. Miller, S.D.	17	178	105	44
Bright, Minn.	9	90	10.0	21
W. Miller, S.D.	9	90	10.0	21
Lufkin, Minn.	9	90	10.0	21
Parker, S.D.	13	101	78	19
Houshmandzadeh, Cin.	27	247	21	0

Kickoff Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	LG
Dwight, S.D.	26	683	263	87
McMichael, Minn.	20	683	263	87
Gabriel, Oak.	19	468	245	64
Reeder, E.C.	19	468	245	64
Houshmandzadeh, Cin.	19	468	245	64
Coughlin, Pitt.	13	290	223	48
Sams, Bal.	27	474	215	44

Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Pts
Holmes, K.C.	11	10	1	65
Martin, N.J.	12	10	1	65
Johnson, S.D.	7	6	1	42
Grubbs, N.E.	5	0	5	30
Harrison, Ind.	5	0	5	30
James, S.D.	5	0	5	30
Blaylock, K.C.	4	4	0	24
Johnson, Hou.	4	0	4	24
Lowery, Bal.	4	0	4	24
Patten, N.E.	4	0	4	24

Kicking

Player	PAT	FG	Pts
Dawson, Cin.	10	10	63
Elam, Den.	14	14	56
Long, S.D.	12	12	52
Kaeding, S.D.	21	21	81
Johnson, Minn.	13	13	51
K. Brown, Hou.	13	13	51
Graham, Cin.	10	10	40
Allen, Den.	10	10	40
Brown, N.Y.	10	10	40
Robbie, Jac.	9	9	36

Team statistics

OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	375	167	211
Kansas City	375	167	211
San Diego	375	167	211
Houston	359	160	198
New York Jets	363	132	231
San Francisco	324	128	196
Oakland	324	128	196
Tennessee	315	155	160
Pittsburgh	301	103	198
Cincinnati	293	103	190
Buffalo	254	76	178
Miami	242	117	125
Baltimore	242	117	125

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Denver	238	93	147
Buffalo	238	93	147
Baltimore	238	93	147
New York Jets	238	93	147
New England	226	110	116
San Diego	217	90	127
Los Angeles	217	90	127
Tennessee	196	117	79
Atlanta	193	123	70
Cincinnati	193	123	70
Indianapolis	193	123	70

NFC

Individual leaders

Week 7

Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Culpepper, Min.	217	159	1,949	19	3
McKusick, Phil.	158	109	1,316	9	3
Harrington, Den.	158	99	1,039	10	3
Favre, S.D.	237	151	1,716	9	6
Rattay, S.F.	163	105	1,177	7	3
Warner, N.Y.	181	118	1,295	9	3
Bulger, S.D.	250	162	1,760	10	7
Tedesco, Den.	207	129	1,609	6	4
Asa, Browns, N.O.	133	65	674	3	3
B. Johnson, T.B.	103	67	674	3	3

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Green, G.B.	118	647	55	72
Barber, N.Y.	118	647	55	72
Burton, S.D.	118	647	55	72
Alexander, Sea.	118	647	55	72
James, S.D.	118	647	55	72
M. Faulk, St. L.	111	665	42	18
Clayton, T.B.	118	647	55	72
Holt, St. L.	37	491	133	52
Owens, Phil.	37	491	133	52
Jackson, Sea.	34	493	145	56
Colles, Wash.	103	605	51	30
Barlow, S.F.	99	367	37	60

Receivers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Horn, N.Y.	47	570	121	33
E. Johnson, S.F.	45	484	105	2
Bruce, St. L.	44	635	144	36
Waller, G.B.	41	720	177	78
Driver, G.B.	40	524	124	47
Clayton, T.B.	37	491	133	52
Holt, St. L.	37	491	133	52
Owens, Phil.	37	491	133	52
Jackson, Sea.	34	493	145	56
Colles, Wash.	103	605	51	30
Barlow, S.F.	99	367	37	60

Punters

Player	No	Yds	Att	LG
Maynard, St. L.	37	1,642	58	44.1
Ugala, Wash.	38	1,621	58	43.7
Lander, St. L.	38	1,621	58	43.7
Bolton, T.B.	35	1,526	56	42.6
Chambliss, G.B.	37	1,526	56	42.6
Harris, Den.	36	1,543	58	43.9
McDonald, Buf.	36	1,543	58	43.9
D. Johnson, Phil.	20	853	62	42.7
Mohe, Atl.	27	847	62	42.5

Punt Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	LG
Ross, Atl.	19	259	157	75
M. Lewis, N.Y.	17	176	104	34
Ward, Bal.	14	114	81	14
Chambliss, G.B.	17	176	104	34
Drummond, Den.	9	90	10.0	21
James, S.D.	9	90	10.0	21
Morton, Was.	13	80	62	14
McQuarters, Cin.	13	79	61	35

Kickoff Returns

Player	No	Yds	Att	LG
Cox, T.B.	24	678	283	99
Drummond, Den.	24	678	283	99
Reed, Phil.	19	452	256	66
Scobee, A.Z.	19	452	256	66
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Morris, Sea.	21	482	230	30
Robinson, Minn.	14	312	221	49
Morton, Was.	14	312	221	49

Scoring

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Pts
Alexander, Sea.	8	0	8	48
Moss, Minn.	8	0	8	48
Dunn, Atl.	6	0	6	36
Robinson, Minn.	6	0	6	36
Walker, G.B.	6	0	6	36
Barber, N.Y.	5	4	1	30
Green, G.B.	5	4	1	30
T. Jones, Cin.	5	0	5	30
Smith, Atl.	5	0	5	30
Williams, Det.	5	0	5	30

Kicking

Player	PAT	FG	Pts
Alters, Phil.	13	13	51
Carr, N.Y.	16	16	52
Long, S.D.	12	12	48
Christie, Minn.	12	12	48
Johnson, Minn.	13	13	51
J. Brown, Sea.	13	13	51
Wilkens, St. L.	16	16	60
Robbie, Jac.	9	9	36
Rackner, Ark.	11	11	55

Ravens All-Pro tackle Ogden sidelined with pulled hamstring

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Baltimore Ravens tackle Jonathan Ogden is expected to miss three to four weeks with a pulled left hamstring, although the 2003 All-Pro player intends to shorten his absence by adhering to a rigorous rehabilitation program.

NFL briefs

"They say three to four weeks, but we'll see," Ogden said Wednesday. "Doing different things, you know, maybe I can get back sooner than expected. I'm pushing to get healthy as soon as possible."

Ogden is listed as questionable for Sunday's game against the Philadelphia Eagles, but he said there's no way he can play.

The Ravens will also be without All-Pro running back Jamal Lewis, who will finish his two-game suspension for violating the NFL substance-abuse policy. Baltimore also will likely play without Pro Bowl tight end Todd Heap, who has been sidelined since the second week of the season with a sprained ankle.

The 6-foot-9, 345-pound Ogden, injured during the fourth quarter of Sunday's 20-6 victory over Buffalo, has played in only one game since the beginning of the 2001 season. He missed this year's opener in Cleveland with a knee injury — a game Baltimore lost 20-3. He had never a ham-

string, so he's uncertain how long he will be sidelined.

Eagles RB Westbrook questionable with rib injury

PHILADELPHIA — Running back Brian Westbrook has a cracked rib and is questionable for the Eagles' game on Sunday against Baltimore.

The rib injury was revealed on the first X-ray, but more tests revealed a small crack of the first rib, Eagles head trainer Kirk Burkholder said Wednesday. The normal recovery time for that kind of injury is four to six weeks, but Westbrook won't necessarily be out that long, Burkholder said.

Westbrook, Philadelphia's leading rusher, was hurt during the fourth quarter of the Eagles' overtime victory against Cleveland. He leads the Eagles with 458 yards rushing. He also has 31 catches for 249 yards.

Hobbled Moss practices

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss practiced Wednesday despite a strained right hamstring, but Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice wouldn't say what kind of role his star receiver would play Sunday against the New York Giants.

Moss was limited in practice and left early to get treatment for his hamstring, which he injured Oct. 17. Tice sounded optimistic about Moss's recovery.

Moss was listed questionable

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league.)

Dolphins: DT Tim Bowens (back) out for rest of season.
Panthers: RB Stephen Davis (knee) will miss Sunday's game.
Patriots: LB Lavar Arrington (nose) (broken collarbone) out for season.
Ravens: CB Charles Woodson (hip) status unclear.
Redskins: LB Frank Middleton (nose) (quadriceps) out for rest of season.
Raiders: LB Lavar Arrington (nose) (broken collarbone) out for season.
Texans: QB Steve McVicker (bruised chest) questionable.

on Wednesday's injury report.

Bills RB McGee has star

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Willis McGee has emerged as the Buffalo Bills starting running back based on his ability to provide more of a spark to a sputtering offense.

In announcing Wednesday that McGee would start when Buffalo hosts Arizona this weekend, coach Mike Mularkey said he has used not going back to four-year veteran Travis Henry. Mularkey noted that McGee has been the team's more effective running back this season.

Henry was not pleased. "How do you be happy?" Henry said. "However they want to word it, word it. ... It is what it is. Coach feels like this is the best thing for our football team, so I have to live with it."



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Buffalo's 2003 first-round draft choice Willis McGee had 111 yards rushing against Miami two weeks ago in his first NFL start.

The Bills (1-5) have yet to score 21 points in a game this season and have no rushing touchdowns.

Krenzel to start for Bears

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Rookie Craig Krenzel will make his first NFL start Sunday for the Chicago Bears when they face the San Francisco 49ers at Soldier Field.

Krenzel played the second half of last week's 19-9 loss to Tampa Bay after relieving Jonathan Quinn and completed nine of 19 passes for 69 yards with an interception. He guided the Bears to their only touchdown.

Broncos RB Griffin out for season with ACL tear

DENVER — Denver running back Quentin Griffin is out for the rest of the season.

The team placed Griffin on injured reserve Wednesday, two days after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during a 23-10 loss at Cincinnati.

Favre's wife diagnosed with breast cancer

The Associated Press

GULFPORT, Miss. — The wife of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre was diagnosed with breast cancer, was mad bad news in a year full of heartache for the family.

Deanna Favre was recently released from Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York after undergoing a lumpectomy. Bonita Favre, the quarterback's mother, told The Sun Herald on Monday.

Deanna Favre will undergo chemotherapy treatments that could last up to five months and is expected to make a full recovery, Bonita Favre said.

The Packers had no comment on the matter, and Brett Favre was unavailable Tuesday. He usually addresses the media on Wednesday.

In December, Brett's father, Irvin, died from a heart attack. Deanna's brother, Casey Tynes, 24, was killed three weeks ago in an ATV accident on Brett Favre's property near his home in Oak Grove.

Favre was told about his wife's cancer on Oct. 14 and he left practice to be with his family for a day before the Packers' game against Detroit on Oct. 17.

"Brett was relieved to learn that the situation is not as bad as it could have been," Deanna's brother-in-law, Scott Favre, said. "We think that they got (all of the cancer) out."

Police change tactics in wake of fan death

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Seattle Police Department has suspended use of pepper-spray pellet guns blamed for the death of a 21-year-old college student who was shot by police trying to break up a rowdy crowd of Boston Red Sox fans last week.

Seattle police have shelved the equipment until the department can determine what happened in Boston. Department spokesman Scott Moss said that the guns are normally restricted to a few trained officers and have yet to be used.

Other police departments around the country say they have found such crowd-control weapons to be effective and would keep using them.

"We've used it on six occasions and haven't had any problems with it," said Sgt. Carlos Rojas of the Santa Ana, Calif., Police Department.

Boston police, who acquired the weapons for this year's Democratic National Convention, have put them aside at least temporarily and have gone back to using a previous model since the death of Victoria Snelgrove, who was shot in the eye.

Snelgrove was among an estimated 80,000 fans who swarmed the streets outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox beat the rival New York Yankees to advance to the World Series for the first time since 1986.

Officers fired into a crowd of fans, striking Snelgrove and at least two others. Paul Gately, 24, needed stitches to patch a hole in his cheek and suffered bruises and welts on his torso. Kapila Bhambhani, of Bridgewater, N.J., was struck in the temple and said doctors had to remove small pieces of plastic from his

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Several days later, O'Toole taught Massachusetts' former chief federal prosecutor, Donald K. Stern, to lead an investigation into the death.

Palmeiro re-signs with Orioles for \$3M

BALTIMORE — Rafael Palmeiro didn't want his homecoming with the Baltimore Orioles to end after just one season, so he took a pay cut and accepted a one-year, \$3 million contract Wednesday.

Palmeiro, 40, returned to the Orioles this season after a five-year absence. He batted .258 with 23 homers and 88 RBIs — the first time since 1994 that he failed to hit at least 38 homers and drive in 100 runs.

Yankees brass huddles in Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman met with other top officials Wednesday during the second day of high-level organizational meetings.

Some of the officials later Wednesday traveled at Legends Field, about a mile away from the team's minor league complex, where Yankees owner George Steinbrenner has his office.

Steinbrenner summoned his top executives to Florida for meetings Tuesday, less than a week after the Yankees became the first major league team to lose a best-of-seven series it led 3-0.

New York is expected to pursue outfielder Carlos Beltran after he becomes a free agent

forehead.

Within 24 hours of Snelgrove's death, Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole suspended use of the pepper gun.

and to add pitchers. Carl Pavano and former Yankees minor leaguer Eric Milton are among those available.

The Yankees are expected to give serious consideration to resuming talks with Arizona about acquiring left-hander Randy Johnson.

Bid for Bonds' HR ball tops \$800,000

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' 700th home run ball brought a top bid of \$804,129 Wednesday after a 10-day online auction.

The ball had received 240 offers by the time Overstock.com closed the bidding. The identity of the top bidder, nicknamed "bonastery," was not immediately made public.

Steve Williams of Pacifica got the ball after a scramble in the left-center field bleachers at SBC Park on Sept. 17, a mad dash that has fattened his wallet but also landed him in court. Timothy Murphy has sued Williams, contending he should get the ball because he locked it behind his knees while at the bottom of a scrum before Williams swiped it.

A San Francisco judge refused to hold up the sale, freeing Williams' bid to go to auction.

Edgar Martinez wins Clemente Award

ST. LOUIS — Retiring Seattle Mariners designated hitter Edgar Martinez won the Roberto Clemente Award for excellence on the field and in the community.

Martinez, who spent all 18 of his major league seasons with the Mariners, has been involved with a nearly a dozen charities and non-profit organizations.

The award is named after the former Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder, who died in a plane crash New Year's Eve 1972 on a flight to deliver relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

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Pedro masterful in Game 3



Martinez deftly handles Cardinals, puts Red Sox on path to Series sweep

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The Boston Red Sox are making this look too easy. Because at this rate, only a curse can stop them. So far, the St. Louis Cardinals can't.

With their baseball stars and lucky stars aligned, the Red Sox moved within one victory of their first World Series championship since 1918, cruising past the Cardinals 4-1 Tuesday night.

No one knows better than Pedro Martinez, Manny Ramirez and the wild-card Red Sox that a 3-0 lead can be overcome; they just became the first team to do it in the postseason, against the New York Yankees.

But no one knows better than the Red Sox how elusive that last win can be: four times since that last title they've been one victory

away, and four times they've lost. "We're not going to relax that much," Martinez said. "I don't think our team's going to relax as much as the Yankees were."

Martinez made his long-awaited Series debut a special one, bailed out when Ramirez and David Ortiz did as much damage with their arms as bats.

Backed by the surprising show of defense, the Red Sox got in position to sweep the club that led the majors in wins this year.

And to think that last week, they were three outs from getting swept in the AL Championship Series.

"It's something you've got to notice. It's possible," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Hard not to get discouraged. They didn't."

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Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez points to the sky as he walks off the field after retiring the St. Louis Cardinals in the seventh inning of Game 3 of the World Series on Tuesday in St. Louis. Martinez allowed just three hits in seven shutout innings as Boston took a 3-0 lead in the Series with a 4-1 victory.

A St. Louis fan shows his frustration toward the end of Game 3.

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